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SPICE GIRL TO ICE QUEEN



Geri Halliwell lit up Bluewater when the former Spice Girl turned on the shopping centre's Christmas decorations.

The singer, 36, also read extracts from her Ugenia Lavender children's book as Winter Wonderland opened in style on Thursday evening. A fireworks display followed the switch-on, as did a performance by Dancing on Ice skaters Fred Palascak and Melanie Lambert.

Winter Wonderland runs until January 3, with attractions including live performances, a Christmas market, an ice rink and festive food prepared by celebrity chefs Aldo Zilli and Antony Worrall-Thompson.

EXCLUSIVE

BY SIMON ROBINSON

LIFE expectancy in Medway is lower than the national average, a new report has revealed.

The council's in-depth Joint Strategic Needs Assessment shows high levels of 'risk factors' across the towns – with obesity, smoking and alcohol proving particular health hazards.

Statistics show Medway has the sixth highest percentage of obese residents in the 67 local authorities across the South East.

Medway also has the third lowest percentage of adults who eat five or more portions of fruit or vegetables per day.

The towns also have the highest level of smoking in the region, with 31 per cent of adults regularly reaching for their cigarettes.

The teenage pregnancy rate has also remained "stubbornly high", with a quarter of 14-year-old girls becoming sexually active and only half of this group having knowledge of common sexually transmitted infections.

A third of 11 to 15-year-olds also admitted to having unprotected sex. The report paints a bleak picture of the future. It states: "The life expectancy of a population is linked to the deprivation of their residence.

"In Medway, deprivation drives a significant loss of life years resulting from coronary heart disease and lung cancer.

"This is consistent with the link between deprivation and the lifestyle risk factors such as smoking, poor diet and obesity."

Senior public health manager Sally-Ann

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BAD IDEA: MP Jonathan Shaw is concerned Medway Council will be lumbered with a high maintenance bill if it buys the Medway Tunnel from the Rochester Bridge Trust

MP: tunnel costs must be clearly accounted for

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

MP Jonathan Shaw has called on council chiefs to scrap plans to buy Medway Tunnel for just £1 – saying the £2 million maintenance charge would leave key services crippled.

The Chatham and Aylesford MP said the proposed agreement between tunnel owners Rochester Bridge Trust and Medway Council was a "bad deal" which would leave Medway taxpayers out of pocket.

He said: "This bad deal will burden Medway residents with a £2m bill every year. This bad deal could lead to a shortfall – leading to cut in services or higher council tax bills.

"Under the existing arrangement RBT made a significant contribution to the annual running costs of the tunnel.

"Medway Council will demand extra government money to meet the maintenance costs of the tunnel but this was never in the agreement signed with the local authority before the tunnel was opened."

"The council cannot rely on the government to continue to bail them out when they are on the verge of

signing such a bad deal."

Mr Shaw said the deal should still go through on the condition RBT's £70 million assets were also transferred to Medway council.

The MP said: "The RBT, which also owns two bridges in Medway, operates according to its ancient motto publica privatis, which translates as 'from the private for the public', but without any accountability and to what cost to the taxpayer?"

"They are not subject to Freedom of Information requests and their meetings and discussions are held in secrecy.

"I appreciate that current trust members come from across the political divide but I feel that to safeguard and protect the taxpayer the assets and responsibilities of the trust should be transferred to the local council – to a democratic and accountable body.

"I urgently call upon all trust members to oppose this deal. I would urge the elected authority to safeguard the public interest and take urgent steps to make sure Medway residents to not have to pay for this bad deal.

"I call for a halt to any agreement being finalised and the assets and responsibilities to be transferred to the local council and elected officials to stand up for the people of Medway."



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Police clear area during bomb scare

BOMB disposal experts removed a suspicious package from Chatham High Street – ending a tense two-hour operation.

The Royal Logistic Corps team were called out on Monday at 9am after a parcel was spotted outside the Lloyds TSB bank.

Police set up a 100-metre cordon and led businessmen and residents away from the area.

The parcel, wrapped in a black plastic bag, was found to be safe at 11am.

Regeneration key to minister's visit

SHADOW housing minister Grant Shapps came to Medway this week to discuss the area's need for new homes and visit key regeneration sites.

The Welwyn Hatfield Conservative MP met with Medway council's housing chief Howard Doe and Rainham and Gillingham parliamentary candidate Rehman Chishti on Monday.

Mr Shapps was also given a tour of Berkeley Homes' Gillingham HQ to learn about regeneration work aiming to provide thousands of new job opportunities and homes.

Plumber buys pub for £300,000

THE former Boatswain and Call pub has been sold for more than £300,000.

The detached building was purchased by businessman Ian Tinklin of Gillingham plumbers' merchants Temperate Heating Ltd.

The Gillingham pub ceased trading this year and was placed on the market with a view to redevelopments or a change of use.

The Boatswain and Call was named after the Boatswain's Call, or whistle, used for passing orders on ship.

Meet kitchen goddess

TOP TV cook Nigella Lawson will visit Bluewater to sign copies of her book, Nigella Christmas.

Nigella will meet fans at Waterstone's on December 4 from 5.30pm.

Event co-ordinator Stuart Lewis said: "We are so delighted to be welcoming Nigella back."

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Four, caught red handed selling booze to teens

EXCLUSIVE

BY SIMON ROBINSON

LAW-breaking shopkeepers who sold knives, alcohol and cigarettes to under-age children were among those branded criminals by trading standards officers during the last year.

A new report shows the team carried out hundreds of spot checks on shops across Medway – preventing thousands of harmful goods getting into the hands of our youngsters.

And the trading standards department continues to clampdown on all manner of businesses, ensuring shopkeepers think twice before selling age-restricted items to children.

During the past three months, under-age test-buy teenagers were sent into 22 stores across the towns looking to buy cigarettes and alcohol.

Four slack shopkeepers happily took their money.

An undercover investigation also saw two shops sell knives to children. These premises are currently under investigation.

Medway council's community safety chief Rehman Chishti praised the impact trading standards – and the environmental health team and other partners – were having on clamping down on crime.

He said: "I'm delighted with the results across the overall department, the community safety and enforcement portfolio played its key part alongside our partners the police and others in reducing all crime in Medway by more than nine per cent.

"I was thrilled with our trading standards and environmental health teams, in making goods sold, and food safe for residents.

"Our CCTV has played a key part in preventing and detecting crime and antisocial behaviour.



ACTION: Cllr Rehman Chishti and trading standards' Glen Watson with two of the bottles of vodka seized earlier this year

"The department overall has delivered in making Medway a safe place to live, and I would like to thank all the officers and management who have been able to make this happen.

"Next year we would like to continue with the excellent work in partnership with our partners, including the police, in reducing crime further."

Earlier this year trading standards officers seized more than 300 adult DVDs from a Luton video shop, which was unlicensed to sell the 18R rated films.

The team also seized counterfeit vodka from

two off licences. The knock-off vodka – sold with Glen and Imperial Spar labels – were found to contain more than 500 times the permitted levels of methanol.

Medway's environmental health team carried out hundreds of food standards checks on premises in the past year.

Cllr Chishti said: "The number of food premise inspections and requests for the service added up to 1,429 in the past year.

"This shows our commitment to making restaurants safe."



OVER DONE: Protestors claim police presence at the climate camp was excessive

Campaigners take protest to High Court

FURIOUS eco-protestors have called for a review of the powers used by police during the week-long Camp for Climate Action demonstration – after accusing officers of bully boy tactics.

Camp organisers have applied to the High Court for a judicial review of the police's use of stop-and-search legislation, specifically section one of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984. Campaigners argue the police mis-used their powers under this act, saying the law requires police to have "specific grounds for each individual search conducted".

Protestor Sarah Macauley said almost every eco-activist entering the makeshift Hoo Peninsula site was searched, including children as young as ten.

She said: "Police presence at the camp was oppressive and clearly designed to intimidate attendees and inhibit our rights to protest against the causes of climate change.

"Climate Camp will not be bullied. We are organised and intend to pursue this illegitimate use of the law.

"To use this law the police are obliged to have reasonable suspicion. The idea all 3,000 campers, including children and pensioners, looked like criminals is simply ludicrous."

A Kent police spokesman declined to comment on the Camp's High Court application.

Statistics will help target health service

FROM FRONT PAGE

Ironmonger said: "Part of our job is to be on the lookout for trends that could damage people's health and support people in making healthy choices for the future.

"We have identified we have higher number of smokers and obese residents than some other areas in the South East, and we are also aware our teenage pregnancy rates have remained high.

"We will use these statistics to target the services we offer, making them even better. This will allow us to address the issues and improve health outcomes for people living in Medway."

Mrs Ironmonger also pointed out the more positive statistics in the report: "There are more healthy people in Medway than in most other parts of the country.

"Only 18 per cent of local authorities have a higher number of residents who are positively healthy, partly because our population is relatively young.

"Young people in Medway are drinking alcohol at the same amounts as the young population in nearby areas and the number of young people misusing drugs is lower than national averages."

Council cements housing project

MULTI-million pound plans to build a major new community on former cement works have been given the green light by Medway Council chiefs.

Development bosses agreed to back proposals to build 550 homes on the vast Halling site along with new employment, leisure, business and green space.

The application has now been referred to the Government Office for the South East to approve the change of use for the land.

The GOSE has 21 days to respond to the council before a final decision is made.

Site owner Cemex has produced an aerial picture of the finished development, showing a large stretch of properties overlooking the lake to the south.

A designated area for a pub/restaurant, doctor's surgery, children's nursery and convenience store is pictured in the centre of the new community.

A large proportion of the site is also dedicated to build sports pitches, nature conservation facilities and open space.



PLAN: An aerial sketch of the development

A Cemex spokesman said they were pleased with their latest designs, saying: "We have substantially revised our plans for the future of our former Halling cement works site following public consultation and are now ready to submit an outline planning application for redevelopment.

"We believe the proposed lakeside community and adjoining new employment opportunities would contribute to a prosperous future for the area."

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Qualifications on offer at skills training centre

A KEY skills training centre has opened in Gillingham, giving residents the chance to take on a wide range of qualifications and courses.

The TBG Learning Centre in Balmoral Road offers courses such as literacy and numeracy, English for speakers of other languages and entry to employment, for 16 to 18-year-olds.

Centre manager Nic Cole said: "Anyone is welcome to drop in and with the help of our tutors they can follow a course that leads to a qualification."

For more information, call 07974 981635.

Four arrested after car park attack on soldier

A SOLDIER needed stitches after suffering head injuries in a vicious attack.

The 21-year-old serviceman, from Chatham, was led by a woman to the B&Q car park in Barker Road, Maidstone, at about 2am on Monday last week, where two men and another woman punched and kicked him.

Two men and two women were arrested but bailed to return to Maidstone police station on January 9, next year, pending further investigation.

Chocolate and champers at Body Shop opening

CHOCOLATE-filled goody bags were handed out at Hempstead Valley shopping centre to mark the opening of the new Body Shop store.

The first 50 customers were presented with free bags and glasses of Bucks Fizz.

Hempstead Valley manager Mark Rumfitt said: "We are delighted the Body Shop has opened here."

"For years customers have told us they wanted the Body Shop and the store is a welcome addition to the centre."

Spooktacular party was all fright on the night

YOUNGSTERS at Rochester Independent College ended the half term in spooky style, dressing up as ghoulish creatures of the night.

Pupils at the Star Hill college's lower school became ghosts, witches and vampires to mark the haunting Halloween holidays.

Lower School head Tony Smith said: "Many parents are reluctant, quite understandably, to allow their children out at night trick or treating at this time of year."

"Our students suggested having a themed day at college where they would be able to dress up and celebrate safely."

A five-star apology to jail hell holiday couple

EXCLUSIVE

BY SIMON ROBINSON

A COUPLE whose dream holiday to St Lucia was ruined by an identification blunder have been offered a first-class trip back to the sun-soaked island.

Former policeman Anthony Griffin and his wife Pauline paid £3,500 for the luxury three-week break but spent just three days in the tropical hotspot – separated in rat-infested cells – before being deported back to the UK.

Immigration officials threw the Gillingham couple behind bars after Egyptian authorities put out an international warrant for Mr Griffin's arrest in connection with the theft of rare artefacts.

Embarrassed officials have confirmed the man they are hunting for the crime has "similar details" to those of Mr Griffin.

The 65-year-old said the St Lucian tourist board had taken steps to apologise for the mix-up, which turned the idyllic island break into a holiday from hell.

Mr Griffin said: "We've received a letter from the tourist board offering us a trip back to St Lucia saying we can stay in any five-star hotel we want to. I think it's a very generous offer, which we will consider."

The Rowland Close resident said his wife's treatment by St Lucian officials was still hard to take. He said: "There was a warrant out for my arrest, so I understand why they locked me up, but my wife had done nothing wrong whatsoever, yet she was put in prison as well."

The Griffins' holiday woes began within minutes of stepping off the long-haul flight.

Mr Griffin said: "We were the last to go



Picture: SIMON ROBINSON

NEFERTITI AGAIN: Holidaymakers Anthony and Pauline Griffin with the cheap souvenir which landed them with jail and deportation from St Lucia after Mr Griffin was mistaken for a man wanted by the Egyptian authorities for stolen artefacts

through immigration and the officers took a look at our passports and said we would have to go and speak to a man who seemed to be the chief immigration officer.

"We were terrified. The treatment was diabolical. I was apprehensive and scared and my wife was shaking with fear."

"We've been to Egypt twice but all we brought back was a cheap souvenir with Nefertiti's head on it."

The couple were driven to a police station, where they were placed behind bars and told they couldn't make any phone calls, despite offering to pay for them.

Mr Griffin said: "I was in a cell with six other men including a murderer and a rapist."

"I was scared they would find out I had been a police officer and I don't think I slept the whole time I was there."

"My cell was about 10ft by 10ft with two concrete benches around the edge. There were cockroaches and rats."

Mrs Griffin, also 65, a personal assistant, was locked up with two other women in a smaller cell.

The couple said there were no toilets or bedding in either cell.

The Griffins were deported to Manchester after three days. They were met by British immigration and Special Branch officials who scanned their passports and told them they were free to go.

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Youngsters go green for a week

FASHIONABLE youngsters at Fairview Community Primary School turned household items into fancy new frocks as part of the school's Green Week.

Pupils used plastic bags, cardboard boxes, bin liners and a variety of other bits and bobs to make their cool clothes, wearing them proudly to the Rainham school on 'Wacky Wednesday'.

The recycled dress-up came in the middle of the school's 'Green Week', which saw the youngsters tackle a different environmental issue each day.

A school spokesman said: "Green Week" was all about becoming more eco-friendly

and part of the community at the same time.

"Every day the pupils learnt about a different issue, ranging from energy to recycling to local and seasonal produce."

"The children made paper windmills to see how wind power can be used, drew posters to encourage people to become more energy efficient and enjoyed a role play exercise where they sorted recycling into categories."

"We've even planted a vegetable garden to encourage the pupils to grow and eat their own food."

• A video of the pupils' recycled clothes is available online at www.yourkenttv.co.uk/ Search for 'green'.

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CANCELLED: BP plans to build a wind farm like this one in Lincolnshire off the coast of the Isle of Grain have been shelved

BP wind farm U-turn a 'historic' mistake warns Green Party

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

ENERGY giant BP has scrapped plans to build an offshore wind farm near the Isle of Grain after redirecting the bulk of its £5 billion renewable budget to the US.

The company said the US market was more appealing than the UK's with government incentives for green energy projects enticing them across the Atlantic.

A BP spokesman said: "The best place to get a strong rate of return for wind is the US." The decision has been criticised by Kent Green Party, which said BP was making "a historic mistake".

Party spokesman Steve Dawe said: "I think BP will live to regret their decision - it's a historic mistake as the UK has so much potential for wind energy."

"I'm sure other companies will pick up this investment. When Shell pulled out of the London Array project off Thanet other companies moved in immediately."

"Despite the global financial crisis, the renewable energy industry is continuing to expand and that's also despite some big oil companies pulling out."

Kingsnorth Climate Action Medway also

hit out at BP, with spokesman Andy Rogers saying: "I'm sorely disappointed. We need to invest in renewables in this country as our carbon economy is going to come to an end."

"The Financial Times reported that the downturn in oil production is nine million barrels per month. That means in the foreseeable future oil will be very expensive."

"It seems daft to keep pursuing a carbon-based electricity future when we have the opportunity to do something about it now."

The British Wind Energy Association has shrugged off BP's decision, saying: "The offshore wind market is evolving and getting stronger."

"Different investors will come and go at different stages of the development cycle."

"But whoever the players are, we know that the offshore industry will be generating massive amounts of electricity for the UK market in the next few years."

Medway council gave BP permission to build six 80m turbines near the Isle of Grain in February 2007.

BP said about \$1.5bn would be spent next year on US wind projects and the company expected to spend the \$8bn up to the year 2015.

The power giant is still proceeding with limited solar, biofuels and other schemes, but the vast majority of its time and energy is now being concentrated on wind.

See the making of Construction Expo

KOS Media and North Kent Construction Skills joined forces to present the Construction Expo 2008 at Chatham Historic Dockyard.

September's event was a rundown on everything happening and planned for the Thames Gateway. Key note speaker was visionary designer Wayne Hemmingsway MBE.

More than 100 exhibitors showcased the best features of the UK's construction sector and the large crowds reflected the interest in the industry despite the economic downturn.

See how the event was put together by watching this video clip.

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MPs' joy at Obama's 'inspirational' victory

MEDWAY'S Labour MPs have welcomed the election of Barack Obama as the USA's 44th President.

Rochester and Strood MP Bob Marshall-Andrews said of the Democrat's landslide victory: "This is the best possible news. A dark period in American political history has finally come to an end."

"Anyone who cares about international peace, justice or the environment will rejoice at this victory and remember this day."

Chatham and Aylesford MP Jonathan Shaw added: "The president elect ran an inspirational campaign, energising politics with progressive values and his vision for the future. The stunning victory represents a triumph of hope over fear."

"The election of the first black American president is a watershed moment in history."

"As I said at my recent speech at the Culture Day Celebration at Better Life Assembly in Chatham - Martin Luther King's dream was that people would be judged not by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character."

"Dr King's dream has come true."

DJ Tony to host quiz in name of 'chariddy'

VETERAN DJ Tony Blackburn will host BBC South East's Children in Need party at Dicken's World on Friday.

The former Radio One disc jockey, who was crowned ITV's 'I'm a Celebrity...' King of the Jungle in 2002, will broadcast live from the popular Chatham Maritime visitor attraction.

A Children in Need 'Monsta' quiz will also be held at the attraction's Britannia Theatre tonight. To book a table, maximum of six to a team, call 01634 890421. Entry is £5 per person.

To take part in the live broadcast e-mail southeasttoday@bbc.co.uk and mark the subject box as 'Children in Need tickets'.

Queen funds raised

A PRIZE draw raised £4,400 towards the Medway Queen's restoration fund.

The raffle was held at the Kew Festival of Models event earlier this month. The cash boost will be put towards the paddle steamer's engine-room restoration fund.

Medway Queen Preservation Society chairman John Kempton said: "The grand draw produced a nice spread of winners from across the country."

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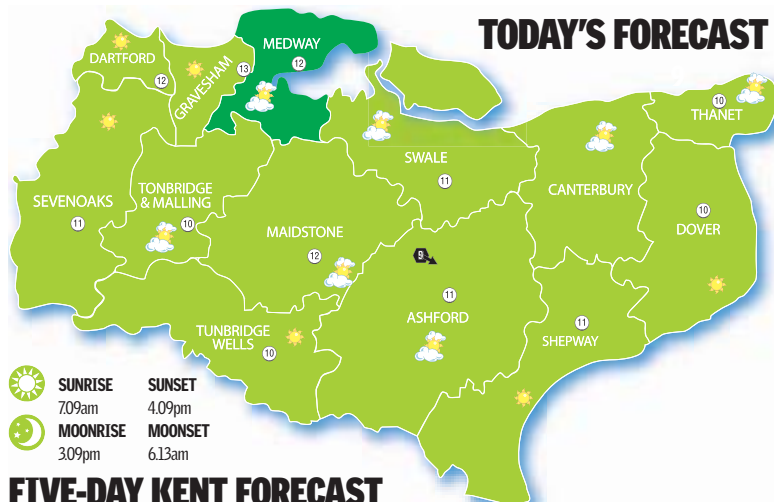
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	Sunday	11:02am	6.9m
Dungeness	Saturday	10:33am	8.0m
	Sunday	11:15am	8.1m
Ramsgate	Saturday	10:47am	5.2m
	Sunday	11:32am	5.3m
Sheerness	Saturday	12:00pm	5.9m
	Sunday	12:45pm	6.0m
Whitstable	Saturday	11:58am	5.3m
	Sunday	12:47pm	5.4m

AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

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Athens	17°C	New York	13°C
Barcelona	18°C	Paris	13°C
Beijing	10°C	Rome	18°C
Bombay	34°C	Sydney	24°C
Cape Town	21°C	Tenerife	26°C
Cardiff	6°C	Tokyo	13°C
Gibraltar	17°C	Vancouver	12°C
Hong Kong	23°C	Warsaw	14°C
Las Palmas	24°C	Wellington	15°C

Degree of recognition for Nixon's interviewer

FORMER Gillingham schoolboy Sir David Frost will receive an honorary degree from the University of Kent next week.

The veteran broadcaster, who attended Barnsole Road Primary School and Gillingham Grammar School – now known as the Robert Napier School – will be awarded the Doctor of Letters title at the university's degree ceremonies at Rochester Cathedral next Wednesday.

Renowned geographer and social theorist Professor David Harvey will also be presented with an honorary Doctor of Science degree.

Sir David, who was born in Tenterden, is famed both as a pioneer of television satire and for his series of landmark political interviews. He rose to public prominence as host and co-creator of the weekly satirical show *That Was The Week That Was* in the early 1960s.

He is one of the world's best-known television interviewers, posing questions to political giants and sports and showbiz greats ranging from Woody Allen to The Beatles.

Sir David's one-on-one with former US President Richard Nixon is arguably his finest interview, with the New York Times saying it achieved "the largest audience for a news interview in history".

Professor Harvey is a leading theorist in the field of urban studies and was referred to as "one of the most influential geographers of the later twentieth century" by Library Journal.

Born in Gillingham, he also attended Gillingham Grammar School.



FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
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QUESTION & ANSWER

DAVID PHILPOTT



Q Can you tell us a little about yourself?

A I was raised in Bromley, where I experienced a happy but undistinguished secondary modern education at Quernmore School.

After a few years working for the London borough of Bromley, latterly as a superannuation officer, I decided to change direction and at the age of 21 found myself immersed in the world of drug and alcohol addiction counselling and rehabilitation, a career path that was to some extent predicated by the untimely death of my older brother on account of his drug misuse.

During the 90s I spent protracted periods of time in Tanzania, East Africa, establishing a health and education project, before moving to Essex in 2000 where I joined the staff of a commercial radio station.

I became the first executive director of the Essex Air Ambulance in 2001 and joined Kent Air Ambulance as its CEO in October 2003.

I am married to Karan and live in Ashford.

Q How did you become chief executive of the Kent Air Ambulance Trust?

A When I joined the staff of the Essex Air Ambulance, it was not on account of any medical or aviation experience, but the fact that radio had given me a communications platform. Using the media and public platforms to generate awareness and affection for the air ambulance service, had I presume, brought me to the attention of others, and it was a great honour to be 'asked' to apply for the top job in Kent.

Q Can you tell us about the trust?

A The Kent Air Ambulance Trust was founded by Kate Chivers, an incredible woman, who has never been properly recognised for her achievements. She fought the health establishment for years to bring an 'independent' air ambulance service to Kent in the early 90s and it gave me great personal pleasure to see one of our helicopters named after her last year.

I am only the second CEO of this amazing organisation, but I work with eight trustees, each of whom bring a special skill and lots of experience to board meetings. Among our trustees we have men and women with expertise in finance, the law, business and medicine.

Q How many members of staff are there based at the Marden headquarters?

A We operate a smaller, satellite base from Dunsfold Park in Surrey (where Top Gear is filmed) but at Marden, we have 12 full-time staff in the office – three doctors, six paramedics and three pilots. We are proud that we only spend 11 per cent of our income on admin and 14 per cent on fundraising, considerably lower than the national average for charities.

Q How many of those team members would board a 999 flight?

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Q The Kent trust has secured the right to host the next AirMed World Congress, what will that involve?

A We have spent the last three years looking at other models of emergency care around Europe and have stolen the best ideas. We have gone about this quietly, but to our surprise our innovations have not gone unnoticed and we were flattered when the International Committee of the AirMed World Congress asked us to host the next World Congress in 2011. This will be held at the Brighton Centre (there is no conference venue big enough in Kent) and will mean for the next three years the world's aero-medical community will be looking to us for leadership and inspiration.

Q & A

The chief executive of Kent Air Ambulance Trust spoke to reporter **Anna White** about how he landed the top job and how his innovations have put the service at the forefront of European aero-medical care

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Car tax rises heading south

DRIVERS in the county are set to be hit hardest by new road tax rises, according to information obtained by a car buying advice company.

Parkers says Government figures reveal that due to the largest proportion of high-emission cars in the most expensive tax bands being in our area, local motorists will be significantly worse off compared with the rest of the country when new road tax laws are introduced.

It means vastly increased tax bills for

■ BY NICK AMES

215,000 drivers across the whole of the South East, bringing in an additional £86 million to the Government through road tax in 2009.

When the tax hike was first announced it was believed older vehicles would be exempt, but the Treasury then revealed owners of larger cars bought since March 2001 would be hit.

Under the new road tax system, there will be 13 bands ranging from A to M, with vehicles being classed based on their carbon emissions. New cars will also be subject to a so-called 'showroom rate'.

Chancellor Alistair Darling said the changes would come into effect from next April, and raise an additional £1.2 billion in revenue by March 2011.

However, critics insist his Budget failed to make clear that much of this money would come from older cars.

They say owners of vehicles that emit more than 225g of carbon dioxide per kilometre – including some models of Renault Espace and Vauxhall Zafira – will pay £430 in duty in 2010, compared with £210 this year.

The rise will be staggered, moving to £300 next year before reaching the top rate.

Medium-sized cars that emit more than

180g/km – including some Ford Mondeo models – could see increases of up to £100 over the same period, it is claimed.

Paul Watters, head of roads policy at the AA, said: "The Government presented the changes as means of influencing people's purchasing decisions, but it turns out it is also penalising hard-pressed families who have been running the same car for many years."

A Treasury official said the road tax reform would "further strengthen environmental incentives to purchase and develop fuel efficient cars".

The Government's position on vehicle excise duty remains as set out by the Chancellor in his Budget statement to Parliament," she said.

Lucky 13 praised at tourism night

THE county's tourism industry was recognised at an awards ceremony highlighting excellence across the region.

At Tourism South East's prestigious Tourism Excellence Awards 2008, a total of 13 Kent businesses received accolades from the judges.

Visit Kent, the Kent Conference Bureau and guest house the Gardener's Rest all won their categories.

Maidstone-based Kent Conference Bureau was first for Business Tourism, The Gardener's Rest in Kingsdown, near Deal, was first in the bed and breakfast or guest accommodation category and Visit Kent which promotes the county's £2.3 billion tourist industry, was voted best tourism website in 2008.

Visit Kent's chief executive Sandra Matthews-Marsh said: "Kent has again shown the strength of its tourism industry."

"To have so many businesses recognised at these awards is a real achievement. I am also delighted Visit Kent's

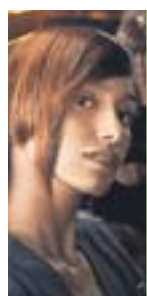
website [www.visitkent.co.uk] was recognised by the judges. We welcome 1.2 million users to the site so it's great to know we are sharing award-winning content with visitors."

Among the other highly placed entrants were Canterbury Historic River Tours, runner-up for best tourism experience; St Peter's Village Tour, Broadstairs, highly commended for best tourism experience; Bedgebury National Pinetum and Forest, runner-up for sport tourism; Joss Bay Surf School, highly commended for sport tourism; and Chatham Historic Dockyard and Rochester Castle, highly commended for large visitor attraction.

Abode in Canterbury was runner-up for large hotel/townhouse; Royal Tunbridge Wells tourist information centre was highly commended; the Rose and Crown pub near Faversham was highly commended for sustainable tourism; and Alkham Court, Dover, was highly commended for bed and breakfast or guest accommodation.



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Our £1m challenge to help Kent businesses beat the credit crunch

BY JENNA PUDELEK

MORE than £1 million of advertising, marketing and PR is up for grabs in KOS Media's largest ever competition.

The award-winning publisher of the Yourlocal midweek newspapers, Kent on Sunday and the Saturday Observer, has launched the Kent Business Challenge 2009 to illustrate the positive role the media can play in these difficult economic times.

Winning entries will receive a share of what is believed to be the highest value prize fund ever offered in the county.

Paul Stannard, the media group's managing director, said: "We are doing this because we are a business that has grown and has now become one of the fastest expanding businesses in Kent. We have achieved this by being strong with our messages and aggressive with our marketing."

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"In the current environment, we want to send a message to the business community that if you want to thrive rather than just survive, then you need to shout from the rooftops about why people should do business with you over your competitors."

"It is our challenge to the business community of Kent to tell us why they deserve a share of this fantastic prize fund."

The winners in the 10 categories of the competition will receive a share of the prize fund to promote their company within newspapers, websites, TV, radio and



magazines across the county.

An expert judging panel from business, media, marketing and PR will evaluate the entries – and the lucky winners will be allocated a share of the prize fund by the judges.

The judges will meet with the winners to explain how they can use their prize.

Categories include an award for the Kent-based charity that can best demonstrate a passion and drive for services and support it offers.

The new business/product award is aimed at firms or new products launched after January 1 this year. Judges will be looking for a flair for creativity and originality in the innovation award category.

The winner in the public sector category will have a chance to go beyond budgetary constraints on advertising and marketing.

Every organisation, from a small school to a local authority, can enter.

Another category is open to businesses, charities or public sector organisations that can demonstrate they have an important message to convey to the community.

An employer award will go to a company, of any size, that demonstrates a willingness to go out of its way to motivate its staff despite these challenging times.

The Garden of England already has a winning reputation in the tourism industry and the judges want to hear from organisations in the sector, whether it is a small attraction or a large hotel.

The retailer award will go to a shopkeeper who can prove to the panel why their business deserves a share of the advertising, marketing and PR fund.

Gala ceremony

And businesses excelling in the service industry, or which demonstrate outstanding customer service, will be awarded in their own category.

Finally, there is also a training and staff development award, where the judges will be looking for a company that demonstrates continued investment in training and developing its employees despite the economic downturn. All applicants must be based in Kent.

For an entry pack, email businesschallenge2009@kosmedia.co.uk.

The full criteria and terms and conditions will be in the application pack, and the judges' decision will be final.

The closing date for applications will be in March next year and the winners will be announced at a gala ceremony later in the year.



DANCE: Blue Peter's Konnie Kuq is supporting the event

Put your best foot forward for charity

THE British Red Cross is inviting schools and groups across Kent to take part in Dance for Life – one of the biggest youth dance events in south east England.

The invitation is also going out to youth groups and dancing classes to take part in the event which is one of the charity's major fund raisers. And even people with no real dance experience can take part.

Dance for Life is dedicated to introducing pupils to dance as a means of overcoming cultural, social and physical barriers.

The event is open to everyone 18 and under regardless of their ability. Dancers are invited to create a performance centred on the humanitarian work of the Red Cross – reflecting any aspect they desire.

Laura Deacon, Dance for Life project manager, said: "The British Red Cross is committed to exploring what humanitarian values mean in today's world."

"Since 2006, more than 5,000 young people have joined us in this exciting event and raised £64,000 for the Red Cross."

Registration is now open for 2009, with two heats being held in Tenterden and Dartford. This year is set to be the best yet with a total of 47 events nationwide.

The event will help raise money for vulnerable people locally and overseas and Konnie Huq, Blue Peter presenter and ambassador for the charity, is excited about this opportunity to celebrate youth dance.

Konnie said: "Dance for Life offers such a wonderful opportunity for all young people to perform in a fun and friendly environment."

Enter your school, dance or youth group for Dance for Life 2009 now by telephoning Laura Deacon on 01962 841618, email Ldeacon@redcross.org.uk or visit the website www.redcross.org.uk/danceforlife.

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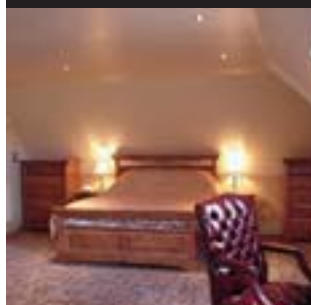
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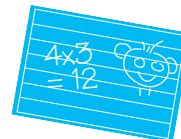
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ACHIEVEMENT: Jonathan Shaw presents Nicola Dale, 19, from Gillingham, with the award for Most Improved Student in Public Services

Rewarding today's successful students

PUBLIC services and child care graduates were presented with their certificates at an awards ceremony at MidKent College's Horsted campus.

The scrolls were handed out by Chatham and Aylesford MP Jonathan Shaw, who said he was impressed with the students' hard work and commitment as well as the college's multi-million-pound expansion plans.

He said: "MidKent College is currently standing at the threshold of something spectacular. When the new campus opens next year, students will find themselves with access to some of the best further education facilities in the country. But let's not forget the wonderful work going on now. This presentation is a demonstration of the achievements students are capable of."

The audience was treated to performances from a range of acts, including Matt Nicholls and John Turner, a break-dancing duo who won the Horsted's Got Talent competition last year.

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Ceremonial turn for completed campus

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE final screw at MidKent College's multi-million pound campus was tightened on Monday morning, marking a major milestone in the site's construction.

Gillingham and Rainham MP Paul Clark and former University of Kent vice-chancellor Sir David Melville were given the task of fastening the last screw, bringing 15 months of building on the £86 million project to an end.

The overall structure of the college's state-of-the-art campus has now been completed, with the three-prong structures standing proudly on the Prince Arthur Road site in Gillingham.

The new campus is directly adjacent to the Royal School of Military Engineering, with whom MidKent College has recently agreed a 30 year £680 million training contract.

The deal, which is the largest ever landed by a further education college, will see the college deliver non-military training to Army soldiers serving at the RSME's Brompton Barracks.

Speaking before the event, a MidKent College spokesman said they were delighted to reach this point in the campus' construction, saying: "The building venture, which began in August 2007, is the largest single-phase education construction project currently being undertaken within the UK and will see the new campus open its doors to students for the first time in September 2009."

Monday's ceremonial event was also attended by Sion Simon, MP for Erdington, who has recently been promoted to the role of Parliamentary Under Secretary for Further Education in the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS).



MILESTONE: The final screw on the new MidKent College campus in Gillingham has been turned

Mr Simon – in his first ministerial role – oversaw the unveiling of a commemorative plaque to mark the construction landmark.

MidKent College has adopted a new logo ahead of the campus' opening.

Bosses at the college – formerly known as the hyphenated Mid-Kent College – said the alterations had been made to "mark the start of a new era".

The college's graphic designer Klaus Hartleben, who sketched the new logo and

branding, said: "MidKent College is at the threshold of something spectacular, with the opening of the new Medway Campus and the start of exciting plans for the Maidstone Campus at Oakwood Park just around the corner."

"These changes mark the start of a new era for MidKent – it makes perfect sense to recognise their significance by giving the college a new image."

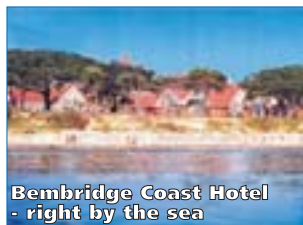
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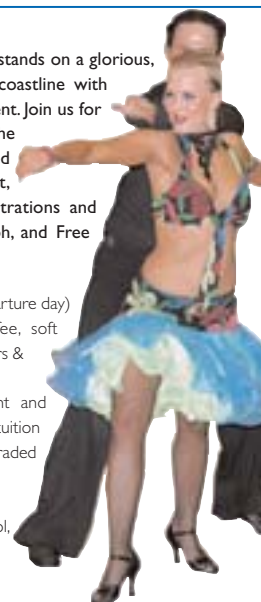
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Why parents must monitor the video games revolution

THERE is a wonderful quote which is often attributed to a senior executive of Japanese video game giants Nintendo.

It goes something along the lines of: "Computer games don't affect kids. I mean if Pac-Man affected us, we'd all be running around in darkened rooms, munching magic pills and listening to repetitive electronic music."

It's a fine quote, and frequently arises when discussion turns to how much the playing of video games influences real behaviour in real life. Unfortunately, the line is actually lifted from a 1990s routine by comedian Marcus Brigstocke, but it has proved to be one of those quoted jokes which, like the parallel it was trying to draw, has now been accepted as fact.

In Ashford last week, a teenager was handed an eight-year jail sentence for a string of assaults on women last summer.

At his home police found a copy of Grand Theft Auto, possibly the most controversial video game series there has been. It was, the

court heard, quite likely that his behaviour had been influenced by the game.

For those who don't know their Xbox 360 from their PlayStation 3 or their DS from a PSP, Grand Theft Auto – or GTA as it is known – has been hailed as one of the most engaging and entertaining video games ever.

It is built on pure escapism; and a rather violent form at that. As a wannabe gangster you steal cars, run over pedestrians, shoot people, run drug errands. In short, it's not a game which preaches morals. But it's not designed to. Because while everyone starts blaming violent games for real-life violence, those aged 35-plus need to remember there is a generational issue at stake here.

Video games in the last decade or so have made a fundamental shift and are no longer exclusively for children. Many are now aimed directly at the adult market, which is where the money is. These games are no different to watching violent films. They all carry certificates and, like DVDs, they require parents to be vigilant. If you buy your ten-year-old a PlayStation 3 and then pay no attention to any game he asks for, or his friends bring

around, you are failing in your duty. You'd put your foot down if they were watching porn or Driller Killer. You should apply the same logic to video games. One reason Nintendo has enjoyed such a revival with its innovative Wii and hand-held DS systems has been that, for the most part, they shun violent games.

Microsoft's Xbox is aimed directly at the older gamer – late teens up – and the tone of its games reflects that. The PS3 wants a bit of all the pie. So bear that in mind when you give in to the nagging and treat your kids to a console this Christmas.

There are games, films, songs and books which can all influence the weak-willed and deluded into blurring the lines between fact and fiction. But removing them would be to do our culture and our young a disservice.

So let us credit them with the intelligence 98 per cent of them have – but call on parents not to ignore their responsibilities.

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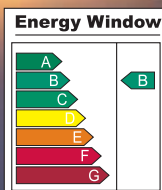
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TALK TIME

ODETTE BUCHANAN

The Friends of Broomhill secretary explains the group's work to improve the Strood park



Tell us a little about yourself.

I am a retired teacher. I live with my husband of 42 years and we have three children and four grandchildren. I am proud of my adopted county (I was born and raised in John Betjemans Metro Land of north-west London, which I found very boring).

Tell us about the Friends of Broomhill group.

About two years ago a group of us decided something should be done to restore 'Strood's Hidden Gem' to its former glory. In recent years, the council have severely cut the Greenspaces Ranger Service that is responsible for all the green spaces in Medway. We formed a friends' group in May, 2007, and I am the secretary. We now have just on 100 members.

What are the group's aims?

Our aim is to maintain the park and point out work that needs to be done to the appropriate council department. We have already had some major successes: bollards installed at the Gorse Road entrance to stop fly-tipping, council agreement that the footpath from Brompton Lane to Pepps Way needs upgrading and given improved lighting. Besides Greenspaces, we work closely with our neighbourhood police and have managed to reduce the incidents of vandalism and anti-social behaviour. To see what we do, go to www.friendsofbroomhill.org.uk.

YOUR LETTERS

Tax cut will help beat the recession

With residents struggling to cope with rising food, fuel and housing costs, it is time for the Government to act swiftly by putting money back in people's pockets.

The Liberal Democrats are calling for an immediate cut in income tax of 4p in the pound to help residents beat the recession.

It will be paid for by closing the loopholes used by the most wealthy to avoid paying tax. And we will increase the level of tax on the most polluting activities.

Inflation is at its highest for years. Too many people are faced with the prospect of either eating properly or heating their homes.

Action is needed now to help the people of Medway struggling with rising prices.

Many residents on low incomes are paying more in tax following the Government's decision to double the starting rate of income tax to 20p in the pound.

Though the Government was eventually forced to come forward with a package to compensate people for the tax increase, many



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are still worse off.

Cutting income tax will give residents and our local economy a

boost at a time when it is desperately needed.

Andy Stamp, Liberal Democrat parliamentary spokesman for Gillingham and Rainham
By email.

Motorists urge council to axe camera funding

BY SHARON ROBERTSON
REGISTRATION cameras have called on Swindon Council to axe funding for the cameras. The cameras are used to monitor traffic flow and catch speeders. However, the council has been criticised for spending money on the cameras when there are other pressing needs. The council has responded by saying that the cameras are essential for road safety.



Accidents ignored by speed cameras

The speed cameras in Medway are supposed to be in areas where accidents have occurred.

But to me they have just been located in areas to catch motorists out speeding.

Steve from Chatham
Comment posted on Yourkenttv.co.uk

We have nothing left to be proud of

Can anyone explain what the word 'country' stands for and what we have to be proud of in this one?

We are ridiculously overtaxed, threatened daily with all kinds of fines.

Prices are sky high due to money men playing god, politicians who neither listen to the public nor care about the appalling state their arrogance, greed and ambivalence has put

the 'country' in. The people running this no longer great country are arrogant, disinterested and down right ignorant when it comes to listening or acting on the needs or concerns of the true and genuine citizen.

The immigration policy is broken and Mr Brown and his band of comedians aren't the people to fix it. The Dickensian poverty they cause and oversee is an affront to modern society.

Illegal wars, young men and women dying for their 'country', innocent victims of the greed and misgoverning of Britain, poor services, appalling customer service, unreliable public transport services, below minimum-wage jobs.

This and previous and coming governments can do nothing while nest-feathering by MPs continues.

I find nothing to make me proud of anything that goes on in Britain today and very little hope if any for the future.

L Watson
Chatham
By email

Mayhem over lack of parking spaces

It is good to see that Medway council is taking action against people who park on the grass verges in Beechings Way.

Sadly, though, I think the council has gone about it all the wrong way; instead of getting to grips with the problem at its source, they have chosen merely to impose fines upon residents who feel they have no alternative.

The problem in Beechings Way, and more substantially across other parts of Twydale, is that as the number of cars per household has risen, the parking provision has not, and there was bound to be a point where residents were

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forced to take such action.

That's not to say all cars are parked on the verges because there are parking issues: some residents have been known to park on them when there are several places to park in the road.

However, most do park on the grass because they cannot park in the road and by forcing them to not park on the verges will make them park in surrounding roads, setting off a vicious circle.

I think Medway council needs to stop and think logically before they impose this action across the borough.

The number of cars per household isn't going to decrease, and without providing extra parking provision (I have written to them before suggesting one way of doing so), all they will succeed in doing is causing mayhem, raising a bit more money and ultimately angering a lot of residents.

Alan Collins
Twydall
By email

Caught short by too few public toilets

Have you noticed we don't have any public toilets, run by our council, in Chatham?

Now you must remember we pay for public toilets in our council tax. The only two public toilets we have are run by the Pentagon and they are only open during shopping hours.

We need public toilets at the Tesco end of town. Pensioners need public toilets more often than younger people and it's not good for the tourist business. It seems if a pensioner gets taken short at that



end of the town, hard luck.

People with stoma pouches and so forth desperately need the use of public toilets, especially if the stoma pouch starts leaking or their shopping trips in Chatham will be limited.

We definitely need more public toilets.

Peter Nassan
Chatham
By email

Sweeney Todd was cut above the rest

I am writing to congratulate all those involved in the recent production of Sweeney Todd produced by Stage Theatre Society.

From the onstage performances to the choreography and lighting (and the extremely realistic blood for the shaving scenes!) this was a great example of Medway young people at their very best.

The only problem was that it had to be performed outside the Medway towns at the Hazlitt Theatre.

I have recently been part of a cross-party working group looking

at youth facilities in Medway and one of the many recommendations was to allow greater access to Medway theatres and sports centres so our talented young people, like those in Stage Theatre Society, don't have to travel further afield.

I hope all the recommendations of the cross-party working group are taken forward to benefit of all Medway's young people.

Cllr Vince Maple
Labour member for Chatham Central ward
By email

Cretin needs a dose of his own medicine

I'm probably not alone in wanting to congratulate the cretin who recently allowed their pony/horse to foul the walk area of Parkside Parade in Cliffe Woods, leaving a huge pile of manure and walking away without clearing up.

It just shows that if you are a dog owner, as I am, you are subject to fines if your dog messes in a public area and are picked up by locals who have nothing better to do than complain about everything.

Yet if you own a horse, you can ride it anywhere you like and allow it to foul the public highway and there's no comeback.

I'd love to know the address of the moron who owns the horse and finds this behaviour acceptable, and deliver a pile of the same outside their home or where their access is.

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NEVERLAND: Joe Pasquale is directing and starring in Peter Pan at the Orchard Theatre, Lila McConigley, left, is looking forward to the show

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ACTRESS Lila McConigley will be returning to the Orchard this Christmas, three years after making her Dartford debut.

She will appear as Tiger Lily in *Peter Pan*, the theatre's pantomime, alongside director and star Joe Pasquale. Rehearsals are due to start in a couple of weeks' time and Ms McConigley, 34, is looking forward to working with Mr Pasquale for the first time.

"I can tell he's going to be fantastic, because he's got such a lovely personality and a great energy," she said. "I think he's very generous on stage."

Although she loves to appear in pantomime now, the peculiarly British form of entertainment took some getting used to for the Singapore-born actress.

"I grew up in Wyoming and pantomime does not exist at all in the US," she said. "I had done it once before, but when I first appeared at the Orchard I was working with Brian Conley."

"I hadn't worked with a comedian before and it was a real eye-opener, he was so funny."

"It was really weird because my sister was visiting from the US and she came to the show."

"Afterwards she said she felt sorry for me because the audience appeared to be drunk and were shouting at me. I told her that was what they do. It was surreal."

"During rehearsals the cast kept



PETER PAN

Friday December 5 to Sunday January 11
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telling me to just wait until the audience came and started shouting, but when they did, I was amazed."

Having played the rather more

demure Princess Jasmine in *Aladdin* for the last few years, Ms McConigley is looking forward to taking on a new character. But she claims the prospect of playing Tiger Lily has presented her with an extra challenge.

"I've got to stay on my no carbs diet because the costume for Tiger Lily is minimal," she said with a laugh.

"When it was handed to me at the press call, I said, 'where's the rest of it?'"

A hugely gifted singer, by the time she was 11 Ms McConigley was performing as a soloist with the American Symphony Orchestra and the Metropolitan Opera Company. After studying at the Manhattan School of Music, she went to Italy to continue her opera studies and has sung in concert with stars such as Sir Elton John. She is currently recording her own album and hopes to pursue a music career, but one of her highlights so far has been working on legendary children's show *Sesame Street*.

"It was incredible and I still do stuff with them," she said. "I loved every minute of it."

Audiences can enjoy her incredible voice at the Orchard Theatre, where she will be helping to bring the enchanting story of *Peter Pan* to life.

"I love panto and it's great to do every year," she said. "It's so fulfilling because you get so much back from the audience."

To book tickets call 01322 220000 or visit www.orchardtheatre.co.uk.



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KYLIE MANIA

Saturday, November 15
Orchard Theatre, Dartford

POP princess Kylie Minogue will be celebrated in a spectacular tribute show at the Orchard Theatre this weekend.

Scottish singer Adele Rankin plays the diminutive Australian icon in Kylie Mania, a high energy show which showcases the best of Minogue's 20-year music career.

With more than 60 changes of costume – including those famous hot pants – Rankin presents a stunning tribute to the tiny pop star.

Highlights include renditions of the huge hits I Should Be So Lucky, Spinning Around and The

Locomotion.

Rankin has spent hours studying DVDs of Minogue's performances to get her moves just right, as well as adopting her soft Aussie tones.

Her singing, acting and dancing skills are put to the test in this extravaganza of great pop music and exhilarating performances.

Rankin has appeared in pantomimes, variety shows and Channel 4's Musicality show. She will lead an international cast of singers and dancers in this tribute to one of pop's best-loved performers.

The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £16.50. Book at www.orchardtheatre.co.uk or call the box office on 01322 220000.

KATY SETTERFIELD DOES DUSTY SPRINGFIELD

Friday, November 14
Central Theatre, Chatham

HEAR the voice of legendary singer Dusty Springfield once again as a top tribute artist visits Medway.

Katy Setterfield was the winner of TV talent search The One and Only, wowing audiences with her uncanny resemblance to one of the greatest soul singers ever. Her moving rendition of Dusty's classic hit All I See Is You moved host Graham Norton to tears and she triumphed over stiff competition to win the series.

Her prize was a three-month contract in the famous Las Vegas tribute show Legends. Fresh from her success across the Atlantic, Setterfield is back in Britain and ready to blow audiences away with her stunning voice.

Setterfield is already a popular performer at the Central Theatre, having visited regularly for several years while starring in the nostalgia show That'll Be The Day.

In this show, music fans will be transported back to the days of beehives and ballads in the company of this extraordinary talent.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £16.50/£15. To book call the box office on 01634 338338 or visit www.medway.gov.uk/theatres.



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SWAN LAKE

Tuesday, November 18
Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone

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The spell was cast by wicked sorcerer von Rothbart and can only be broken if the Prince swears his love for Odette. But von Rothbart is determined to make the prince marry his

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Celebration of pop is all about great puppetry

MUSIC stars such as David Bowie and The Smiths are celebrated in Puppetry of the Pops.

Nathan Evans, a former member of Spotlites Theatre Company, will present his puppet show for the company at Kings Theatre, Chatham, on Saturday. The show, which starts at 8pm, is suitable for over-16s. Tickets cost £5.

There will be a puppetry workshop from 1.30pm to 6pm. Tickets cost £25 including the performance. To book call 01634 829468. For more details visit www.spotlites.co.uk.

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By George! Superstore does it again with LBD

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Sat 10	London Boat Show 55th Anniversary New	£tbc – Reg Now
Sat 10	Holiday On Ice Brighton "Mystery"	£39
Sun 11	Holiday On Ice Brighton "Mystery"	£39
Wed 14	London Museums	£15
Sat 17	Cirque Du Soleil "Quidam"	£85
Sat 17	Holiday On Ice Brighton "Mystery"	£39
Sun 18	Holiday On Ice Brighton "Mystery"	£39
Sun 18	Bruges or Sluis – by Tunnel	£30
Wed 21	Holiday On Ice Brighton "Mystery"	£39
Thu 22	The Musical Museum With Lunch New	£29
Sat 24	Holiday On Ice Brighton "Mystery"	£39
Sun 25	Holiday On Ice Brighton "Mystery"	£39
Sun 25	London Eye, Lunch & River Cruise	£59
Mon 26	Monday Special – Ypres & St Flora – by Tunnel	£20
Tue 27	Pussycat Dolls At The O2 Arena	£59
Wed 28	Mystery Day With Lunch	£20
Thu 29	London & Royal Opera House Tour New	£30
Sat 31	Holiday On Ice Brighton "Mystery"	£39

FEBRUARY

Date	Destination	Price (Adult pp)^
Sun 1	Holiday On Ice Brighton "Mystery"	£39
Thu 5	Greenwich Maritime Museum New	£15
Sat 7	London Showtime	fr £54
Mon 9	Monday Special – Ostend & St Flora – by Tunnel	£20
Wed 11	Lunch At Moulin Snick, St Omer – by Tunnel	£40
Thu 12	Raf Museum London New	£15
Sat 14	Valentines Love Is In The Air – London Eye & Chocolates	£39
Sun 15	London Eye, Lunch & River Cruise	£59
Tue 17	London Zoo	£29
Wed 18	Kew Gardens Tropical Plants 250th Anniversary	£30
Thu 19	Boulogne & Hypermarket – by Tunnel	£25
Sat 21	Disneyland® Resort Paris – by Tunnel	£65
Sat 21	Mountbatten Festival Of Music	£53
Sun 22	Bruges or Sluis – by Tunnel	£30
Tue 24	Imperial War Museum & Ian Fleming Exhibition (James Bond)	£25
Wed 25	Sound Of Music	£49
Thu 26	Mystery Day	£15
Sat 28	Lakeside or Romford Market	£17

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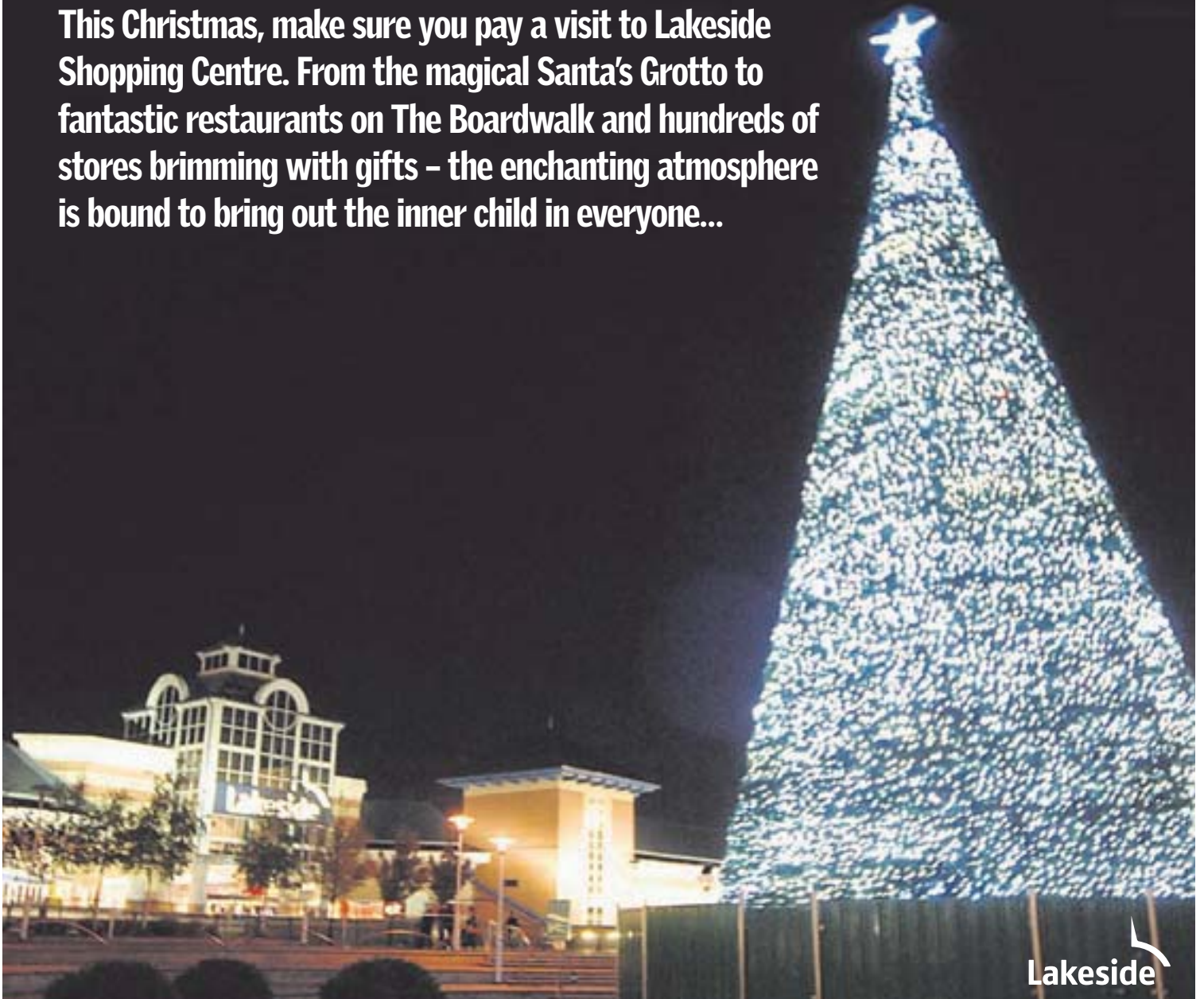
Date	Destination	Price (Adult pp)^
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Mon 2	Monday Special – Ghent – by Tunnel	£20
Wed 4	National Gallery & Picasso Exhibition New	£29
Fri 6	Dirty Dancing	£59
Sat 7	The Secret World Of Blethchley Park New	£29
Sun 8	Crufts Dog Show	£40
Tue 10	Paris In Springtime – by Tunnel	£40
Wed 11	Lunch At Moulin Snick, St Omer – by Tunnel	£40
Thu 12	Milestones Living History Museum New	£25
Sun 15	Bruges or Sluis – by Tunnel	£30
Tue 17	Windsor Lunch Cruise New	£35
Wed 18	Oliver New Show	£74
Thu 19	Wisley Gardens At Springtime	£25
Sat 21	London Showtime	fr £54
Sat 21	Hampton Court Floramania New	£30
Sun 22	London Eye, Lunch & River Cruise Mothers Day	£59
Tue 24	Arras – by Tunnel	£25
Wed 25	Kew Gardens At Springtime 250th Anniversary	£30
Thu 26	Ideal Home Show	£30
Sat 28	Ideal Home Show	£30
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Sun 29	Bruges or Sluis – by Tunnel	£30
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Come fun at

Lakeside's magical and fun-filled, totally free Santa's grotto will be the centrepiece of Lakeside's winter wonderland. Children will be delighted by the sweetie-themed 'home' of Santa – decorated with its sparkling lights, festive garlands and gingerbread men – where they can share their Christmas wishes with Santa and receive a fabulous free gift.

Win breakfast with **SANTA**

ONE lucky child will not only get to meet Santa this Christmas, but can win the chance to have breakfast with him too.

Forget about posting wish lists of presents to Lapland – our winner could be discussing exactly what he or she wants with Santa over breakfast in one of restaurants on The Boardwalk.

To enter, all children need to do is send a drawing of themselves and their family having breakfast with Santa to Lakeside Santa Competition, c/o Clarion Communications, The Griffin Building, 83 Clerkenwell Road, London EC1R 5AR, for the chance to win the real thing.



and join the free festive Lakeside this Christmas



EVERY weekend in November and December, Lakeside has a host of free festive activities for families to enjoy, including children's art and crafts workshops, where children will be able to create Christmas cards, decorations and even festive sweets.

For further information, simply head to Level 1 by Primark and speak to one of Santa's crafty helpers.

Add to this longer opening hours – from 9am-11pm weekdays (from 1-23 December) and from 9am-9pm on Saturdays – and more than 250 great stores to find those perfect gifts, and you have an extra special Christmas at Lakeside.



shop and drop service

At Lakeside we've thought of everything to make life that little bit easier for you. We know that the run-up to Christmas can be a busy time, so make the most of our free Shop and Drop service. After buying presents for your loved ones it's easy to end up with heaps of bags. So, why not leave your shopping at a central drop off point outside Next on Level 1 and collect it later by car, at a pre-planned collection point, when you've finished your shopping!

The Boardwalk is the perfect place for a delicious meal this Christmas...

FANCY breaking up your shopping trip this Christmas with a glass of mulled wine? Or want to treat your partner to a romantic meal?

Then there's only one place to head – The Boardwalk at Lakeside.

With 12 top-class restaurants and bars, and a fantastic nine-screen Vue Cinema, The Boardwalk overlooks the scenic lake and offers a superb choice of food, drink and entertainment, from early till late, right at the heart of the centre.

For breakfast, coffee, lunch, dinner or drinks there's an amazing variety of tastes from around the world just waiting to tempt you.

Christmas Meal Suggestions...

- Strada – Why not head to everyone's

favourite Italian restaurant, Strada, for a hearty lunch during the colder months? In the lead up to Christmas, Strada is offering a special Christmas menu for just £24.95. This includes a starter, a choice of four main courses and three desserts. Buon appetito!

- Las Iguanas – Ever tried celebrating Christmas Latin style? Well, here's your chance. Las Iguanas at Lakeside is offering an elaborate Christmas lunch menu, including cranberry gourmet fajitas topped off with fruit cocktails. Prices start at £14.50 for a fixed menu and tables can be booked up until 11pm to ensure a true Latino party atmosphere.

- Giraffe – If you're looking for a festive meal full of cheer for all the family then head to Giraffe. Set menus start at £14.95 and include food from around the world. Highlights include turkey schnitzel, sage risotto and roast duck with plum gravy.





All I want for

With so much to think about before Christmas, present buying can sometimes cause a bit of a headache. Lakeside has AllSaints and Mode In Pelle, making it easier to get everything you need. We've called on the services of Lakeside's





Christmas...

over 250 stores all under one roof, from High Street favourites to designer brands, including Apple, Hugo Boss, Levi's, resident Personal Shopper, **Angela Poplett**, to guide us through some of the best gift ideas from Lakeside's stores...



Struggling for gift inspiration?

If you're struggling when it comes to buying presents for friends and family, Lakeside's Gift Card or Gift Vouchers are ideal, allowing that special someone to pick out exactly what they want. Available at the Customer Information Desks on Levels 1 and 2, the Gift Card can be credited with any amount up to £1,000, while the vouchers come in £5, £10 and £25 denominations. Both will let your loved ones choose the ideal gift from most of Lakeside's 250 stores as well as the Retail Park next door, or they could even treat themselves to a meal on The Boardwalk instead.

Sparkle and shine



The turkey's been stuffed, the stockings are hanging from the mantelpiece and the presents are wrapped and under the tree – the only thing left is to make sure you look a million dollars this Christmas! Here, **ANGELA POPPLETT**, Lakeside's Personal Shopper, offers her top tips to ensure you have your finger on the fashion pulse this festive season...

Party on with Angela's pick of the fashions...

This time of year means diaries are crammed with Christmas parties. Here is my choice of top dresses for every age group, so you can party the night away in style

20s **French Connection** red tartan dress £85 – A fun dress that's very on-trend and will look great with red opaque tights and black heels



60s+ **Debenhams** dress £55 – Cinched in at the waist with a V-neck to elongate your top half, this dress was designed to make you ooze confidence



The lady is a vamp...

It's quite simple when it comes to shoes this season – ensure they make a statement. Keep to dark hues, preferably detailed and with a super high heel. I have picked my favourites from around Lakeside, guaranteed to complete any Christmas party outfit.

- 1 Long gloves, £15, **Accessorize**
- 2 Black coat with fur neck, £64.99, **River Island**
- 3 Black faux fur jacket, £60, **Dorothy Perkins**
- 4 Brooch, £15, **Accessorize**



40s **River Island** dress £39.99 – Demure and sexy, this satin number will bring out the glamour puss in every woman



50s **Phase Eight** saffron dress £130 – This dress is the ultimate in elegance thanks to its length and intricate detailing



30s **New Look** dress £50 – The fashionable froufrou underskirt on this dress ensures a unique twist to a classic party number



Best foot forward...

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- 1 £80, **Mode in Pelle**
- 2 £60, **Jasper Conran, Debenhams**
- 3 £35, **New Look**
- 4 £85, **French Connection**



Her

this Christmas

1 Burton black belted coat £70

Wrap up with this smart military inspired jacket - ideal for taking you from the office to the party, great with both jeans and smart trousers



2 River Island blazer, £49.99, and Burton waistcoat, £30

When you need to be smart without wearing a suit, a fail-safe look is to wear a tailored jacket with a shirt and dark jeans. A slightly more original version of this look is to alternate the blazer with a waistcoat



Not forgetting the men...

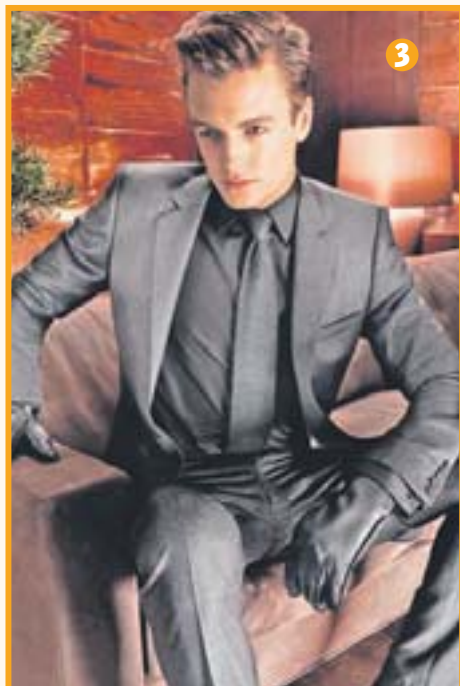
I know you boys may not get as excited about getting all glammed up like us ladies, but with a couple of key items it's easy to achieve a really stylish look.

I've picked out a few of my favourites from Lakeside that will help you achieve a look that will turn the ladies' heads...

Him

3 Hugo Boss, Black Boss

One of Lakeside's best new retailers is, without doubt, Hugo Boss. Check out the new store's Black Boss range for a tailored, smart look such as this classy ensemble, ideal when heading out to an evening dinner party



4 Moss Bros Suit hire

If you've got a really smart evening 'do' coming up, chances are you don't have a tux in the cupboard. Drop by Moss Bros at Lakeside for a dinner jacket fitting to ensure your inner James Bond is released

5 River Island silver shoes, £49.99, and French Connection black brogues with silver detailing, £130

It's not just the girls that deserve metallic accessories at this time of year, if you're feeling brave then get your hands on these fabulous silver brogues. If they are slightly too bold for you, try these patent black brogues from French Connection complete with small silver detailing



Kids



1 T-shirt £4/£7, trousers £12, skirt £8 New Look

And for the little 'uns...

All parents know that kids have far more parties lined up than them at Christmas.

Head to New Look at Lakeside this winter to get all your little soldiers suited and booted for their social events this Christmas.

For the girls check out this stripy top and skirt combo, just the thing for a fashionista in the making. And what boy wouldn't look cute in this Dr Zeuss combo.

If you want some help picking an outfit for a special festive occasion, a full image overhaul, or just hints and tips on how to make the season's hottest styles work for you, Lakeside's dedicated Personal Shopper service is the answer. With more than 15 years' experience, Lakeside's resident style guru, Angela Poplett, uses her all-round fashion savvy to offer the ultimate in Personal Shopping packages. Angela offers a range of sessions and clinics to suit different budgets and requirements. Just call 01708 869933 or email personalshopper@capshop.co.uk for more information.



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W (15)



Oliver Stone's film takes us through lame duck US President George W. Bush's turbulent life and times – including the fateful decision to invade Iraq. Leading the all-star cast is Josh Brolin as Dubya, James Cromwell as George H.W. Bush, Thandie Newton as Condoleezza Rice and Ioan Gruffudd as Tony Blair.

EASY VIRTUE (PG)



John Whittaker, a young Englishman, falls in love with Larita, a glamorous American, and they marry impetuously. However when the couple return to the family home, his mother has an allergic reaction to her new daughter-in-law. Larita realises she must fight back if she's to keep hold of John.

HUNGER (15)



Lending a savage intimacy to the spirit of Bobby Sands, the IRA radical who spearheaded the prison strikes of 1981, Hunger is a no-holds-barred immersion in human suffering. The film confines itself to the Maze prison, where Sands (Michael Fassbender) is being held. Upon greeting a new cellmate, he reveals he's been sentenced to 12 years.

Shaken, not stirred

■ BY KATE WHITING

DANIEL Craig is looking tired. With his second Bond film, *Quantum Of Solace*, just released, he is arguably the most in-demand actor in the world right now.

But the lines around his blue eyes don't dull their sparkle and the slight sound of fatigue in his voice doesn't diminish his obvious enthusiasm for the role.

Dressed in a grey suit, with a handkerchief in his breast pocket, a black waistcoat and crisp white shirt, he looks just like the slick MI6 agent.

However, you wouldn't expect James Bond to be wearing his right arm in a sling.

"Damn, I was trying to hide that," he jokes, at mention of the shoulder injury.

"I think I tore it a few years ago, maybe even before I started as Bond, there's no way of telling, but doing two Bond movies didn't help," he adds, with a brave laugh.

At just over an hour and 40 minutes, *Quantum Of Solace* is one of the shortest of the 22 Bond films, but it's also the most action-packed and Craig is justifiably proud to say he did most of his own stunts.

The film is the first direct sequel in the Bond franchise and picks up just 20 minutes after *Casino Royale* ended, as 007 jets around the globe on a personal mission to avenge the death of his beloved Vesper and learn more about the secret organisation Quantum.

From the opening car chase and rooftop chase sequence in Italy to the desert-set climax, the pace is almost relentless and it's hard to imagine what it was like to film.



MAN ON A MISSION: Daniel Craig as James Bond 007 in *Quantum of Solace*

"The rooftop scene was tough," admits Craig, who turned 40 during filming.

"There were five, six, cameras on cranes and there's an aerial camera and resetting is difficult, plus the fact that I'm tied off and

jumping over roofs. So it was tough but also a lot of fun to shoot – and a very nice view!"

The actor's first outing as Bond in 2006's *Casino Royale* took more at the box office than any other, was nominated for nine Bafta

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Awards and won the actor an army of female fans for the tight blue trunks scene.

With Craig in the role, the franchise was stripped back to basics, with 007 becoming a ruthless bare-knuckled fighter, who didn't need to rely on gadgets to get him out of a fix.

Bond has fewer catchy one-liners and is seemingly a more emotional man.

Quantum Of Solace sees Bond team up with the sultry Camille (Olga Kurylenko) as their shared need for revenge unites them against a Bolivian general who is doing a deal with a philanthropic businessman.

As for risking life and limb again as Bond in future, Craig says he would love to make another film, but admits he doesn't know how many more times he'll reprise the role.

"I genuinely would just love to do another one, but maybe I'm just superstitious, or just stupidly pessimistic, I don't know. I'm just going to see how it goes."

Before that though, Daniel Craig is rightly due a very long holiday – and a good night's sleep.



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Making your Grand entrance

■ BY CHRIS BRITCHER

THERE is something quintessentially English about The Grand Hotel in Brighton.

It's not just the glorious splendour of the building which stands so majestically on the seafront, its instantly recognisable white frontage a beacon of delightful architecture alongside the dull concrete monstrosity of the neighbouring Brighton Centre.

It is, instead, its very concept in this day and age. The British seaside has taken a tsunami-style pummeling over the last few decades with its reputation as a place capable of delivering luxury eroded by the explosion in cheap foreign holidays and the resulting decline in our coastal towns.

It is particularly easy for us Kent folk to be a little blasé about the seaside, too.

After all, most of us live either on the coast or a short drive away from it. But a two-hour jaunt down to West Sussex may just remind you what makes the Great British seaside quite so, well, great.

Brighton has, over the last decade, exploded into a thriving, bustling city. Youthful and lively, it retains a charm which endears it to all age groups.

It may be described as London-on-Sea, but it's the nice bits of London it replicates, remaining on a scale which ensures you can shop down The Lanes or the other busy retail



HIGH CLASS: The Grand Hotel offers premium quality

hubs while never more than a short stroll from the promenade and a seemingly never-ending number of pubs and restaurants. It is, in short, an absolute winner of a location. And The Grand is the icing on the cake.

For many, the De Vere venue will forever be known as the site of an assassination attempt on the Thatcher government in 1984.

But proving its heart is pure red, white and blue, it brushed itself down, just as Margaret Thatcher did, rebuilt and proved it takes more than a terrorist's bomb to keep a British landmark down.

Today it oozes class from every pore. From the marbled entrance to the grand staircase which spirals up through its very core, everything about it has the sweet smell of history and refinement pulsing through its veins.

This place has, after all, hosted prime ministers and world leaders – such as JFK – through the years.

Opened in 1864 to accommodate the Victorian upper classes, its high, ornate ceilings and tall pillars which dominate the reception, dining areas and relaxed lounge, give a remarkable sense of space, size and grandeur.

The 200-plus rooms are comfortably furnished and, if you're lucky enough to have a sea view, looking out from the balcony provides the cherry on top.

It's not cheap, of course, but then this doesn't pretend to be class on a budget. You pay a premium, but you're getting premium quality.

The Kings Restaurant provides sumptuous surroundings for breakfast and meals. And the evening service is an experience you really ought to treat yourself to if you stay here – you will not regret it. The staff are – as they were throughout the stay – attentive and polite, yet never overbearing. They lurk in the shadows, seemingly emerging just as you need them.

It can be tricky to pull yourself away from the hotel and into the sometimes bracing sea air, but Brighton complements its splendour well.

Its proximity to Kent makes it an easy destination to get to for a weekend away, and its wealth of theatres, eateries, pubs, clubs and culture should ensure not a minute is wasted.



The Grand Hotel, Brighton

Chris Britcher was a guest of De Vere for two nights, staying in a deluxe sea view double-bedroom at The Grand in Brighton.

Prices for a double room at the Grand start at £130 bed and breakfast in a standard double. For a sea view prices start at £180 and for a deluxe sea view, £250.

Prices are per room per night.

For further information contact De Vere's central reservations at 0845 375 2808. Or find out more at www.grandbrighton.co.uk.

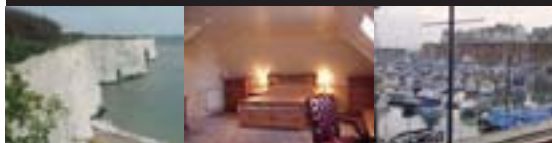


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PROPERTY NEWS

Auction option more popular

BUYING properties at auction is becoming more popular in the growing desire for competitive prices in the current economic climate.

But there are other benefits too, according to market experts.

Melanie Bien, director of independent mortgage broker Savills Private Finance, said: "The greatest advantage of buying at auction is the certainty.

"If your bid is successful, you exchange contracts on the day of the sale, effectively committing you to the purchase and completion within 28 days, so both buyer and seller know exactly where they stand. The price can't be changed and completion can't be delayed."

But the down side is that you have to be extremely well prepared.

"You must carry out all your due diligence first and have your finance in place," said EI Group's David Sandeman.

"You need to have paid a solicitor to look at the legal documentation and had a survey carried out, because as soon as the hammer falls, you exchange contracts and pay a ten per cent deposit there and then. There is no going back."

A jolly good Fellow

KEVIN Gilbert, of Clive Emson Auctioneers, has been made a Fellow of the National Association of Valuers and Auctioneers.

Experienced Mr Gilbert, pictured right, who is now a director and auctioneer with the company, said: "I am delighted.

"NAVA has recognised my 27 years' experience and knowledge in the world of auctioneering and I will be proud to add these qualifications to my status."



Red tape slashed

THE Government has relaxed planning permission rules for homeowners looking to extend their properties.

Under the changes, people planning to extend for the first time will be able to do so without needing to pay up to £1,000 to be granted specific planning permission.

This means about 80,000 applications will be removed from the planning system each year. However, larger extensions will still need permission.

Housing Minister Caroline Flint said: "I'm scrapping the red tape so it is much easier to convert the loft into that extra bedroom and build an extension."

Buy-to-let landlords feel economic chill

Lettings market has many pitfalls for the unwary

■ BY NICK AMES

LANDLORDS who buy property to let it out are being warned the current economic situation could mean higher numbers of tenants fall behind on their rent.

Unemployment is set to rise in the coming year as the economy contracts and landlords are being urged to protect themselves.

In recent times, buy-to-let has proved a popular option as more people decide to rent homes rather than commit to a mortgage.

But as redundancies look likely, those landlords who opted to take on properties for that reason could find themselves encountering problems.

Judienne Wood, lettings director at agents Kinleigh Folkard and Hayward, said: "It is inevitable that more tenants will default on their monthly payments as there is no sign of a brightening sky on the horizon of the economic climate and unemployment is rising.

"There is insurance to cover this eventuality and my advice to landlords is to make sure they are covered.

"Another danger landlords should watch out for is an increase in estate agents turning to the lettings market offering cheap deals – there's no truer adage than you get what you pay for."

Other property agents have issued similar warnings while the industry has also seen a shift in supply and demand.

The market could also see tenants getting greater choice as more would-be sellers rent out their home and investors buy properties cheaply to rent out.

Property website Letalife is regarded as one



SIGN OF THE TIMES: The lettings market will remain fragile during 2009, property experts predict

of the top sources of information on this subject.

But its website also has a cautionary note, saying: "These days buy to let appears to be an enticing way to invest your hard-earned money.

"Many people are becoming uncertain about the value and even reliability of some of the previously more conventional methods of generating a retirement income.

"People will always need somewhere to live. So renting out property must be a surefire investment, right?

"Not necessarily. You need to be certain that

you have the right kind of property for the area you are buying into."

Predicting for the future, Ms Wood added: "In 2009 the lettings market will remain fragile. We will continue to see a fall in tenants registering as most will not move unless they really need to.

"Overall, 2009 will not be an easy year for the lettings market. Landlords who have good, well-presented properties close to transport links and who are prepared to be flexible and negotiate on the rental price are likely to find tenants quicker and avoid empty periods more than landlords who hang on for top rents."

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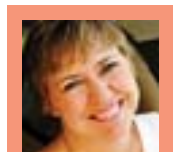
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FROM ME TO YOU

Tall leggy brunette, 38, recently bereaved, enjoys meals out or nights in, dry white wine, a good movie & cuddles, seeking a male for companionship. Box 887404

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Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800

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LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS

Last-back single mum, very bubbly, outgoing, intelligent, 43, enjoys social life, drinks, meals, cinema; looking to start afresh with someone new, easy-going and life-loving. Box 446102

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44yr old female, blonde hair, 5ft5, slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 436810

WE'LL SEE

Blonde hair/blue eyes, 5ft5, slim build, looking for friendship, maybe more. I'm a nice woman, 47, seeking good male, for friendship, possibly more. Box 445332

MAKE ME LAUGH, MAKE ME YOURS

Single 47yr old lovely female, 5ft5, slim build, blonde hair, blue-green eyes, seeking male for potential LTR, must have GSOH! Box 885288

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man (preferably) for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 44366

LET'S TAKE A RIDE

Hi, I'm Laura, 47, friendly, honest, love motor-biking, WLTW gentleman interested in bikes, walks, holidays, the countryside, museums, castles and perhaps love! Box 440397

MAYBE YOU'RE THE ONE?

Hi I'm Mandy, chocolate brown hair, blue eyes, 48, seeking human male (preferably) for nights out, socialising, clubbing, meals, lots of laughs and much more. Box 437489

JANE SEEKING TARZAN

Hi, I'm Jane, 49, 5ft4, love music, art, making, gardening and going out, looking for an honest, loving and caring male FOR A LTR. Box 446117

ALL THAT I NEED

Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving and outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out and staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50, Aylesford. Box 428833

CARING & PROFESSIONAL

Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim build, likes eating out, beach, good company, seeking a friendly chap, 48-55, Hastings. Box 417100

THE LAUGHTER, THE BEST MEDICINE

Help me find my long-lost-up comedy routine! I'm 49, you'll need to make me laugh out loud and understand observational comedy to make the grade. Box 882640

JUST IMAGINE

Fatish, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTW genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562

HELLO BOYS!

Petite, blonde, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTW genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562

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DIG DEEPER

Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in/out, seeking someone, friendly male, 45-55. Dover Box 435441

ARE YOU MY BOND...

Kind, caring, attractive lady, young 53, 5'7", slim, brown hair/eyes, N/S, GSOH, enjoys walking, reading, travel, socialising; seeking tall, considerate, honest gent for hopeful LTR. Box 446079

THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS

Hi, I'm Teresa, 53yr young, like anti-mats, gardening and ordinary things! WLTW a nice man, my age or younger, for a possible relationship. Box 445707

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

African lady, 58, likes reading, current affairs and travelling, WLTW an outgoing, fun-loving and honest male to share the rest of my life with. Box 445122

SOPHISTICATED SUE

Sue, 56yr old, 5ft4, green eyes, petite, loves cooking, holidays, reading and swimming, WLTW a tall professional male, similar age, for friendship/romance. Box 443309

FANCY A RIDE?

Affectionate tactile bubbly woman, young 56, 5'7", blonde, curvy, looking for lasting relationship with 50-58 year old loving man. Box 888680

HELP!

Positive, vivacious female, 59, 5ft4, enjoys art, seaside walks and music, seeks tallish, kind, caring male to grow old with...disgracefully. Box 449493

LOVING

Outgoing male, 34, loves bowling and cosy nights in, WLTW an outgoing, bubbly and kind-hearted female to spend the rest of my life with. Box 445567

CALL ME UP...

Civil servant, 36, caring, sharing, GSOH, brown eyes, short brown hair, 5ft11, likes the gym, pubs, travelling, reading, cooking; music, seeking female with GSOH. Box 444550

YOUR TIME IS COMING

Medium build male, 35, dark blond hair, dark eyes, nice looking, have 1 little girl, own business, varied interests, looking for a fun lady, under 40. Box 428075

KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOUR

Slim build, 38yr old male, 5ft11, green eyes, separated with 3 kids, enjoys theatre, dining out, walks and WLTW special lady for possible LTR. Box 888602

TRUTHSTORY

Margate man, 37, 6ft3, dark hair, nice big build, I work in residential care which I love, I'm down-to-earth, kind, tactile, with a GSOH. Box 423437

R U ME?

Down-to-earth, loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company, conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917

HAPPINESS IS...

Good-looking male, 36, short spiky brown hair, likes dancing, socialising, films, WLTW nice, loyal, honest female, 30-42, for a relationship. Maidstone. Box 401597

FULL MARKS

Hi I'm Andrew, 38, 6ft3, dark hair, blue eyes, hardworking guy, friendly, tactile, GSOH, likes enjoying life, WLTW easygoing female for friendship/relationship. Box 443488

ME AND YOU

Hi I'm Shawn, 39, likes most things in life, looking for a woman to settle down with. Box 446085

WIFE THE SAME?

Sporty single dad, 41, 5ft8, blue eyes, enjoys most things in life, looking for a genuine woman for friendship - more. Box 446039

SO EXCITED

Attractive, sexy, fun mixed race male, 41, 5ft10, likes chatting and hugs. Looking for a hot feminine female, up to 44, in Swale, Medway Borough. Box 883564

SOON TO BE DIVORCED

My name is Steve, 41yrs young, 5ft7, normal build, looking for good company and fun with a female of height. Box 446121

A MAN WHO LOVES SHOES

Good-looking male, 42, beautiful blue eyes, likes good music, history channels, Indian food and shoes! WLTW a younger female, 20-30, for a LTR. Box 445833

LOVELY JO

Young-looking attractive female, 54, N/S, friendly and sociable, love music, dance and history, warm and sparkly, WLTW a genuine female for a close female friendship. Box 445146

MEN seeking women

Man of adventure, 31, enjoys exploring, trying new things, being active, GSOH, good listener, seeking similar female to spend life with. Box 445879

LET'S BE HAPPY TOGETHER

Professional male, 32, 6ft2, medium build, likes golf, football and snooker, WLTW a female with a great personality for everlasting happiness. Box 446121

ALL I WANT FOR XMAS IS YOU

Medium build male, 35, dark blond hair, likes animals, films, arts and historical sites, WLTW a female, similar interests for friendship, hopefully spend Christmas together. Box 446112

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MOTORS NEWS



Getz a bargain ahead of Hyundai i20 debut

LOOK out for discounts on the Getz supermini ahead of the Hyundai i20 launch in January.

The Getz was pivotal for the Korean brand; never cutting edge, it was well-priced and robust and its successor must work hard in the market's key sector as drivers rush to downsize.

The i20 is more aggressively styled than the Getz and has been designed to please UK and European tastes, but pricing will be key and it faces Ford's impressive new Fiesta and likely sector No1. The Ford opens at £8,700 so the i20 needs an entry price about £1,000 less and roughly where the old Getz started.



VW follows up with Passat BlueMotion 2

ORDER books are open for VW's most efficient, economical and environmentally friendly Passat yet, the BlueMotion 2 saloon and estate (from £17,700).

The newcomer carries over and develops eco-friendly features on the existing Passat BlueMotion and gains an automatic stop/start system linked to a 2.0-litre TDI 110 PS (109bhp) diesel instead of the original's 1.9-litre unit.

Economy on this green family/company car range rises from 55.4mpg to an impressive 57.6mpg for the saloon while CO2 emissions drop from 136 g/km to 128 g/km.



Qashqai's flagship special

RECORD sales for the Nissan Qashqai since launch just over a year ago, have prompted this luxurious flagship special Sound & Style (from £19,199) based on the top-of-the-range Tekna.

Extra kit includes 18-inch alloys wheels, exclusive 'Nightshade' paint, Graphite half leather seats with red stitching, alloy pedals and premium Bose sound system.

Nissan will have upmarket and pricier versions of Toyota's sporty RAV4 in its sights for this newcomer.



SUPERSIZE: Now under the General Motors wing, the Matiz has grown in size since its Daewoo days, but it does still live up to the space-efficiency appeal of the old days

Grown-up baby Chevy still asking a tiny levy

WHOEVER authorized the 2005 transmogrification of the original Daewoo Matiz into the Chevrolet version, needs reminding of the phrase: 'if it ain't broke don't fix it'.

The original 1998 design for an affordable five-door city car was the best thing to come out of the Korean Daewoo car making operation, but a relatively big thirst and some silly handling under pressure needed correction.

But Chevy (General Motors) could not leave it there. It also re-drew the little car's profile to look like it had been on that nation's infamous burger diet.

GM said the car became more crash resistant, although a kicked up front window line looks like a shunt caused it.

The interior looked and felt better, but presumed production economies from moving the main clocks to the centre of the dash may have deterred some buyers.

Nevertheless, the basic appeal of the Matiz remains: great space-efficiency, minimal running costs, refinement that belies the car's size, good space for four, even if the rear seats

ROAD TEST CHEVROLET MATIZ

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

are rather upright, plus very keen prices and decent standard spec from a little over six grand.

The car's relatively long 'wheel-at-each-corner' wheelbase delivers a good ride, although the small wheels still crash over ruts and holes on poor roads.

And if you expected the little car to be caught out at motorway speeds, you would be wrong. The 1.0 model (from £6,995) we tested cruises well at the legal limit, free from much intrusion by engine, wind and road noise.

Tweaking both the 800cc and 1,000cc petrol engines boosted economy by 15 per cent and both should average more than 50mpg, though this is being outclassed by more modern city car designs and only the small engine sneaks into the lowest payable (£35/year) road tax band.

On the other hand, you should balance the fuel and tax demands against the car's purchase and maintenance costs.

And it does have two more aces: fun handling – minus the power to create difficulties – plus versatility. The 60/40 split/fold rear seats mean you can create a little van in seconds.



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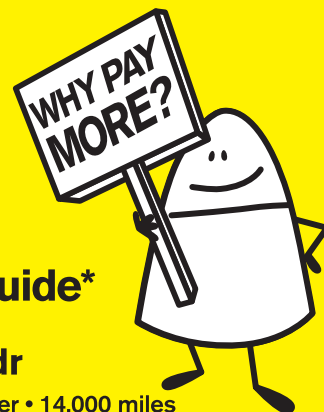
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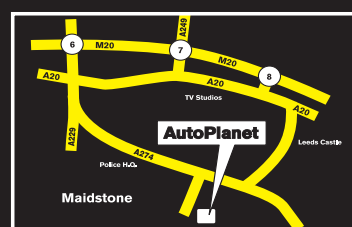
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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

AFFORDABLE COUPES

SUPERCARS are all well and good, but you can have fun and cut a dash for a lot less cash in today's faltering used car market where coupes have become particularly affordable. There are also plenty of alternatives, so we have gone for a real budget fun option from Korea's Hyundai, Citroen's stylish Gallic take on the three-door 'coupe' cum family hatchback and a classic yet still attainable thoroughbred from Italy's Alfa Romeo. None should break the bank on running costs either, especially as two are available with diesel power.

HYUNDAI COUPE



ONCE Hyundai sorted out the glitches of early generations, the brand's 'reliable budget four-seat coupe' proposition was bound to take off. The latest is beefier and smarter and confirms what great value the car is. The chassis cannot rival key competitors, but delivers great fun from a modest outlay. For 0-60mph in 8.2 seconds, there is also the 2.7 V6 version. You may also find a car with some of Hyundai's five-year warranty still intact.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

CITROEN C4



CITROEN really needed to pull off something special when it launched its latest family hatch. So the C4 is a far better car than the dull Xsara it replaced and the three-door model has one of the most individual looks on the road. Rakish and racy lines are abruptly curtailed by a chopped and glassy rear end. Balancing such curvaceous yet brutal styling, the C4 is cheap and handles and rides well without the irritating quirkiness of old-style Citroens.

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Space	★★★★★
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ALFA GT



THERE is the sense Alfa Romeo's dark days of rusting and reliability problems are gone, yet doubts remain in the minds of most used car buyers – which is good news for anyone prepared to take a calculated risk on the sporty yet practical GT. Slinky styling disguises what is actually a decent 2+2 with a decent hatchback plus a range of sensible and mad engines, including some tweaked versions of smooth and refined diesels courtesy of Alfa's Fiat parent.

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2008	08	Corsa Life A/c CDTi	13D	3	Green spirit	3,530	8,995	2008	08	Astra Sxi CDTi Ext pack	19D	5	Star silver	5,630	13,995
2008	08	Corsa Design CDTi	13D	3	Star silver	4,150	9,995	2008	08	Astra Club Auto	18	5	Star silver	3,460	10,895
2008	08	Corsa Club	12	3	Silver lightening	5,400	7,995	2008	08	Astra Sxi Sports Hatch	14	3	Black sapphire	3,200	9,995
2008	08	Corsa Breeze +	12	3	Silver lightening	2,750	8,495	VECTRA							
2008	08	Corsa VXR	16	3	Arden blue	4,700	13,995	2004	54*	Vectra Life	18	5	Panacotta	80,100	3,995
SIGNUM								2005	05	Vectra Sri	22	5	Star silver	30,550	6,995
2007	57	Signum CDTi Exclusiv Nav	19D	5	Star silver	9,950	14,995	2005	55	Vectra Exclusive CDTi Est	19D	5	Star silver	23,800	8,250
ANTARA								2008	57	Vectra CDTi Exclusive Auto	19D	5	Ultra blue	5,350	12,995
2008	08	Antara S Auto	20	5	Slate blue	5,350	17,995	2008	08	Vectra Exclusive CDTi	19D	5	Silver	9,380	10,995
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2008	08	Tigra Exclusiv	14	2	Antigua	9,650	11,995	2005	05	Zafira Design	16	5	Silver lightening	36,280	6,695
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2008	08	Meriva CDTi Breeze +	13D	5	Star silver	3,350	11,995	2005	55	New Zafira Life A/c	16	5	Flame red	31,650	7,995
2008	08	Meriva Life A/c	14	5	Lancelot	2,870	8,195	2006	06	Zafira Active CDTi Auto	19D	5	Silver lightening	22,525	9,995
2008	08	Meriva Breeze	14	5	Metro blue	2,160	8,995	2006	06	Zafira Active CDTi	19D	5	Metro blue	21,900	8,495
2008	08	Meriva Breeze	14	5	Black sapphire	12,500	8,995	2008	08	New Zafira Breeze CDTi +	19D	5	Star silver	3,985	13,995
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2005	55	Astra Breeze	16	5	Silver lightening	38,000	6,995	2008	58	Corsavan	13 CDTi		Silver	Delivery	7,995+VAT
2007	07	Astra Energy Auto	18	5	Star silver	15,300	7,995	2007	57	Combo	13 CDTi		White	Delivery	7,495+VAT
2007	57	Astra Club CDTi Est	13D	5	Panacotta	8,275	11,995	2008	58	Combo	17 CDTi		White	Delivery	8,495+VAT
2007	57	Astra Club CDTi	17D	5	Star silver	10,680	10,295	2008	58	Combo	17 CDTi		White	Delivery	8,995+VAT
2007	57	Astra SRI	18	5	Silver Lightning	9,650	9,995	2008	08	Vivaro	20 CDTi		Black	Delivery	12,495+VAT
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Roger House, chairman in Kent and Medway, said: "During these difficult times it is important for business owners to have sound advice so they can make the right decisions for the good of their business."

"The FSB will continue to lobby the Government to ensure small businesses are given appropriate support."

The Kent and Medway branch of the organisation is holding its annual conference and meeting at Darwin College, University of Kent at Canterbury, on Thursday.

Although the AGM will be for members only, any small-business owners in Kent are welcome at the conference, which is titled 'Are you future-proof?'

Speakers are Professor Roger Vickerman, head of the Department of European Economics at UKC; Ivan Perkovic, head of Economic Research for Seeda, Tony Allen, regional director of Train to Gain; and Bob Jones, the managing director of Business Link.

For more details, phone regional officer Fran Smith on 01622 688134 (email fran.smith@fsb.org.uk) or regional organiser Andrew Aves on 01227 470102 (email andrew.aves@fsb.org.uk).

Half-day workshops

TOUGH trading times represent a new challenge for many small-business owners in Kent, so Business Link is holding half-day workshops across the county until Monday, November 24.

Developed by leading small-business adviser and best-selling author Bob Gorton, the workshop, called Boost Your Sales and Profits and Attract More Customers, provides useful answers for boosting profits in rough times.

Places are available for morning, afternoon and, in some instances, evening workshops.

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Working from home is no comfort zone

BY TONY PATEY



SITTING PRETTY: But home-based businesses need special insurance cover

HOME-BASED businesses such as eBay trading are set to boom as cash-strapped people look for secondary incomes to make ends meet.

But nearly one million home-workers are apparently unwittingly putting themselves at severe financial risk by wrongly believing they are covered by existing home-contents policies.

Research from online insurance provider Insurantz.com, which has Kent clients, found nearly half of Britain's 2.1 million home-workers fail to get any business insurance at all, risking loss of livelihood, heavy fines and crippling legal fees if things go wrong.

Nearly 1,400 home businesses launch every week and the credit crunch will spur further growth in the sector. Sites such as eBay have spawned a generation of more than 180,000 'eBaypreneurs' in the UK, who use the internet either as a primary or secondary source of income.

James Pickering, managing director, said: "In the current economic climate setting up a home business can offer individuals or families a great way to supplement their income and cope with rising costs, but it's dangerous to think the process is simply a matter of getting a laptop and an internet connection."

"The reality is that, from an insurance perspective at least, home business owners face exactly the same risks as any other businesses."

In a recent survey, the firm found home-workers are the least likely of any sector to have insurance.

Many home business owners wrongly believe their home contents insurance provides the cover they need, when in reality most standard home insurance policies exclude any business activity run from home.

With many eBay entrepreneurs using equipment and keeping stock in a spare room at home, losses can quickly become crippling if disaster strikes. A home insurer may even have the right to turn a significant claim down such as theft, damage or arson as a result of running a business from home.

The firm also believes many online traders are unaware of their obligation to protect customers under legislation such as the Sale of Goods Act.

A significant number fail to take out product liability insurance, which could safeguard them from legal action or loss of revenue in the event a customer is injured or their property damaged.

Mr Pickering said: "There's definitely a good deal of confusion surrounding the responsibility that business owners have to deliver goods that are both fit for purpose and of satisfactory quality."

"Ultimately the buck could stop with the seller, so businesses trading on eBay need protection to prevent financial penalties and even legal action if the goods they are selling turn out to be faulty, or worse, dangerous."


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CUP HOPES: Invicta Dynamos booked their place in the semi-finals with a hardfought win

Mos take Chieftains scalp

A DOMINANT third period performance earned Invicta Dynamos a semi-final spot in the ENIHL Cup at the Ice Bowl on Sunday. Chelmsford Chieftains were Dynamos' opponents and the South 2 side were looking to add to their cup scalps after an impressive run in the competition.

However, in a tight game in the opening two periods it was the Mos who ultimately showed their class, scoring five goals in the final period to clinch victory.

The Chieftains shocked the home fans by opening the scoring early in the first period. Sean Easton's shot was saved by goal tender Glen Jackson, but Lee Brears was successful with the rebound.

It didn't take long for the Mos to level the

ICE HOCKEY

Invicta Dynamos 8 Chelmsford Chieftains 4

match when Milan Melicherick capitalised on ill discipline by the Chieftains.

Parity was shortlived as Darren Brown gave the Chelmsford side the lead for the second time. Before the end of the first period, Milan Kostolny levelled the score once again at 2-2.

The second period followed much the same pattern as the first. Chelmsford took the lead twice, only for it to be cancelled out by

strikes from Adam Copland and Elliot Andrews.

The third period was where the game was won, with Invicta scoring five times to end Chelmsford's charge for the win.

The beaten visitors should have left the Ice Bowl with their heads held high as they were firmly in the game for three quarters of the contest. Melicherick and Kostolny scored two goals apiece to complete their hat-tricks and wrap up the victory for the Dynamos.

Kevin Parrish's men face Haringey Greyhounds in the next round of the cup this Sunday. The Greyhounds are bottom of the group and Dynamos have already qualified for the semi-finals.

Concorde flying in 5-a-side shock win

THE CONCORDE produced a shock result in the City Masters Sunday 5-a-side League after they beat leaders Luqa FC.

A 4-2 win for mid-table Concorde means that Luqa's lead at the top has been reduced to just a point, after second-placed True Blues thrashed New Team 5-0.

In the Friday League, Santos extended their lead at the top to five points after a thumping 9-1 win against The Dodgers.

Second-placed Team X dropped off the pace at the top of the division after they drew 1-1 with sixth-placed Piggies.

The Dockers remain bottom of the league after they lost 6-0 against mid-table side Harlequin.

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Gills boss Mark Stimson talks about his FA Cup hopes for Gillingham this season

Lowly Lords finally get points on board

LORDSWOOD earned their first points of the season at the weekend with a victory against Beckenham Town.

Former Faversham Town striker Anthony Sharpe opened the scoring for the Lords and a second half strike from Nathan Nelson means Lordswood are finally up and running in the Kent League this season.

It was new manager Kevin Metcalf's fifth game in charge of the club and the first time Lordswood have recorded any points in nine games.

Lordswood were in action at home to Herne Bay last night. For a report and reaction, visit www.yourmedway.co.uk.

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WINNER: Andy Barcham headed Gillingham into the FA Cup second round in a close game against Bury to set up a home tie against either Yeovil Town or Stockport County

Stimson's delight as Gills Bury opponents in the cup

FOOTBALL

BY GLENN PEARSON

Bury 0

Gillingham 1

Barcham 71

excellent work and individual skill from former Millwall playmaker Curtis Weston.

Albert Jarrett sent Weston away down the right wing and his inch-perfect cross from the byline found Barcham, who was on hand to head into the far corner.

With both Simeon Jackson and Mark McCammon unavailable due to injury, Stimson has been impressed with the likes of Barcham, who has stepped up in recent weeks.

He said: "Curtis made a great driving run from the half way line and Andy, being a natural forward, came inside and got his head on to Curtis cross. Naturally we are always going to miss the threat of Simeon Jackson and Mark McCammon, but you can't take anything away

Gillingham starting XI



Subs used: Crofts (Jarrett, 84)

from the lads in the last two games because they've given everything."

With their name in the hat for the next round, the Gills can afford to concentrate fully on regaining a place in the League Two play-offs.

Stimson's side sit tenth in the division and are only four points off leaders Darlington. Two league wins from their next two games could leave Gills in a fantastic position by the time they return to FA Cup action.

Stimson added: "We've got two really hard games coming up now in the league, the first against Rotherham who, if it wasn't for their points deduction, would be sitting third or fourth in the league. Then we have to come back to Bury and as we've seen, that will be a close game."

Late goal leaves Chats cursing missed chances

FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Chatham Town 0

Ware 2

Frendo 45 (pen), 89

CHATHAM Town's lack of cutting edge remains a concern for manager Steve Binks after his side again failed to score despite enjoying plenty of possession.

The Chats have scored once in the last 450 minutes of football in the league at Maidstone Road and their attacking impotence cost them dearly against a below-par Ware.

John Frendo scored a contentious first half penalty and a low drive late on to secure the points against an industrious, but timid Town.

Binks handed debuts to on loan Dartford duo Alex O'Brien and James Taylor and while pleased with their contributions, he was frustrated by a fourth defeat in five games.

"James Taylor is a young kid up front but I thought he did well. Alex O'Brien gives us a good bit of experience and a voice in midfield, but it's still not working, it's still not right," he said.

"The shape didn't work. I thought up front we lacked firepower again. I can't remember Simon [Austin] or Darren [Smith] having a shot, it's not good enough."

One mysterious truism in football is strug-



DUBIOUS DECISION: Matt Solly (centre), who gave away first-half penalty which left Chatham playing catch-up

Chatham starting XI



Subs used: Brooks (Binks 38), Ascheri (Austin 67)

gling sides rarely get the key decisions going in their favour. So it proved as three penalty shouts before the break all went against Chatham.

First Simon Austin was bundled over in the penalty area. While the striker went down

easily, Ware would have had few complaints if the referee had pointed to the spot. Instead the man in black waved away the protests.

In the final minute of the half, Ware won a corner, which struck Matt Solly on the edge of the box. It was unclear where it hit the mid-fielder, and even if he was inside the penalty area, but the referee was in no doubt. Frendo opened the scoring with ease.

In the final seconds of the half a Ware defender appeared to handle, but again Chatham's pleas were ignored.

Town wilted in the second half, with Lee Maskell's flick their only effort on target. Frendo's second late on added insult to injury.

The Chats travel to Redbridge this Saturday hoping to improve a record of 11 defeats in 16 league games.



TEAM TALK

with Gills skipper
BARRY FULLER

We've nothing to fear after second away win

FIRST of all I think everyone's really pleased we got a home draw for the second round of the FA Cup.

It's all you can ask for really and with our home record we won't fear either Yeovil or Stockport. We played Yeovil last year and it was a good game.

We have a better squad now so I think we have a good chance of going through.

Although both sides are in League One, I don't think there's much difference between us. We have a point to prove to show we are good enough to get back into that division.

As always in the cup, it will come down to which team wants it more. It's great to think we are 90 minutes away from maybe getting a Premier League team in the third round.

We were all delighted with the win at Bury on Saturday. It wasn't the prettiest of games and the ball was in the air a lot. I don't know if that's how they normally play but we were solid defensively and didn't give them many chances.

It was a great goal from the team's perspective and nice to see Andy Barcham get on the scoresheet. He's not playing in his favourite position on the left but he's doing a job for us; he works so hard for the team.

At the moment we are feeling we've turned the corner. After two away wins the confidence has come back and the boys believe we can go into every game and get something out of it. Our home record is great and now we are getting some results away from home. I think teams will start to fear us, which is a great advantage to have.

The gaffer told us to enjoy the win at Bury but warned us we have to prepare right for the Rotherham game on Saturday because he thinks they are one of the best sides in the division.

It's nice to be back at Priestfield after three away games, hopefully there will be a decent crowd and we can continue our winning run.

LEAGUE TABLES

(Not including midweek matches)

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2 Wycombe Wanderers	14	7	7	0	+9	28
3 Bradford City	15	8	3	4	+8	27
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5 Shrewsbury Town	15	7	5	3	+18	26
6 Rochdale	15	7	5	3	+9	26
7 Bury	15	7	4	4	+6	25
8 Dagenham & R'bridge	15	7	3	5	+12	24
9 Brentford	15	6	6	3	+5	24
10 Gillingham	15	7	3	5	0	24
11 Lincoln City	15	6	4	5	+3	22
12 Chesterfield	15	6	3	6	+5	21

19 Chester City	15	3	4	8	-13	13
20 Macclesfield Town	14	4	1	9	-14	13
21 Rotherham Utd (-17)	15	7	5	3	+8	9
22 Grimsby Town	15	0	6	9	-21	6
23 Bournemouth (-17)	14	3	5	6	-5	3
24 Luton Town (-30)	14	4	4	6	-4	14

RYMAN DIVISION ONE NORTH (Before last night's game)

1 Waltham Abbey	15	10	4	1	+25	34
2 Aveley	15	9	6	0	+18	33
3 Brentwood Town	13	9	4	0	+18	31
4 Ware	14	10	1	3	+15	31
5 East Thurrock United	12	9	1	2	+12	28
6 Leyton	14	8	1	5	+12	25
7 Redbridge	14	6	5	3	+14	23

17 Thamesmead Town	15	4	2	9	-13	14
18 Chatham Town	14	3	2	9	-8	11
19 Ilford	15	3	1	11	-27	10
20 Waltham Forest	16	2	3	11	-24	9
21 Hillingdon Borough	14	2	1	11	-27	7
22 Witham Town	14	1	1	12	-33	4

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

1 Hythe Town	10	8	2	0	+17	26
2 Holmesdale	11	8	2	1	+12	26
3 Tunbridge Wells	10	7	0	3	+5	21
4 Erith & Belvedere	7	5	1	1	+3	16
5 Greenwich Borough	10	5	1	4	+1	16
6 Faversham Town	9	5	0	4	+9	15
7 Deal Town	10	4	2	4	0	14
8 Heme Bay	10	4	1	5	+4	13
9 Croydon	9	4	1	4	+1	13
10 Norton Sports	10	4	1	5	-6	13
11 Erith Town	7	4	0	8	+6	12
12 Sevenoaks Town	10	3	3	4	-2	12
13 Beckenham Town	12	3	2	7	-3	11
14 Slade Green	10	3	2	5	-3	11
15 VCD Athletic	8	3	0	5	0	9
16 Lordswood	7	0	0	7	-16	0
17 Sporting Bengal	8	0	0	8	-26	0

FIXTURES (Saturday): FA Cup first round proper: Bury v Gillingham, Ryman Division One North: Chatham Town v Ware, Kent League Premier Division: Lordswood v Beckenham Town.



NARROW VICTORY: Rob Ellis scoring the first of his two tries for Medway during their dramatic win at Ashford

Medway squeeze past Ashford

RUGBY

Ashford 19 Medway 20

MEDWAY's ambitions of making it back-to-back promotions gathered pace at the weekend as they earned a narrow win at Ashford.

The home side started much the stronger team but it took until the 17th minute for them to go ahead with a well-worked try.

Ashford continued to take the game to their visitors and were rewarded when a good break from their centre saw him go over under the posts, which was converted to increase their lead to 12-0.

Medway were on the back foot and needed a foothold in the game. A number of good forward drives led by Liam Weobley, Colin Chapman, James Reeves and Roger Rhynhart, eventually created the space for winger Rob Ellis to squeeze over in the corner. Medway soon cut the deficit at the start of

the second half when Ashford were penalised for coming in the side of a ruck. Glen Wadsworth kicked the penalty to make the score 12-8.

The home side continued to defend well and went on to score another try following good work from their forwards. The conversion was landed and Medway were down 19-8 with just ten minutes of the game remaining.

Medway battled hard and spurned shots at goal, instead going for the corners.

They pounded Ashford until eventually winger Ellis went over in the corner, leaving the score at 19-13.

Again Medway were awarded a penalty but the referee indicated it was the last play of the game.

Medway pounded the home line and went through a number of phases before eventually Kevin Kimble went over for the dramatic last gasp try. Glen Wadsworth calmly slotted the conversion for a truly dramatic win for the visitors.

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